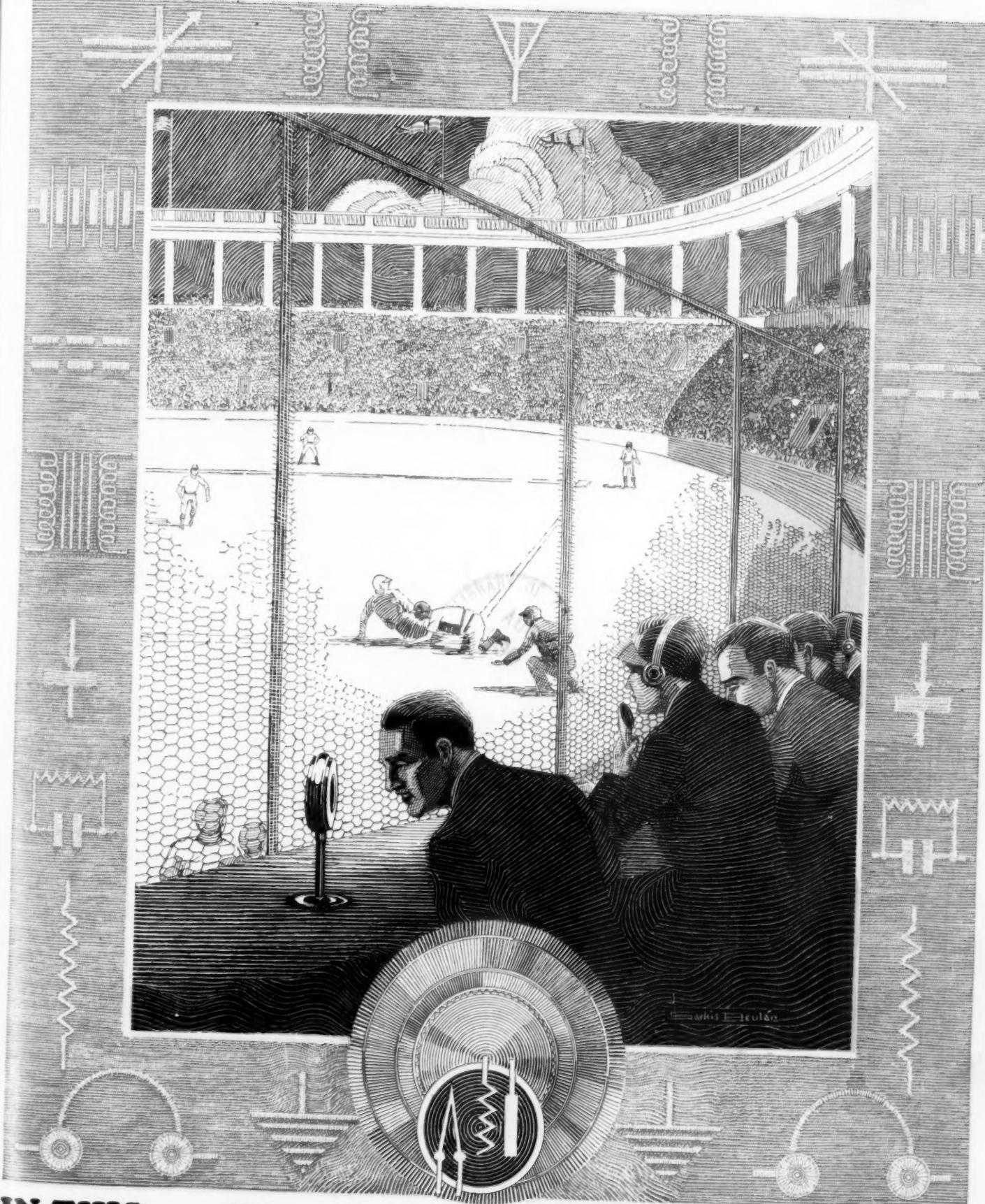


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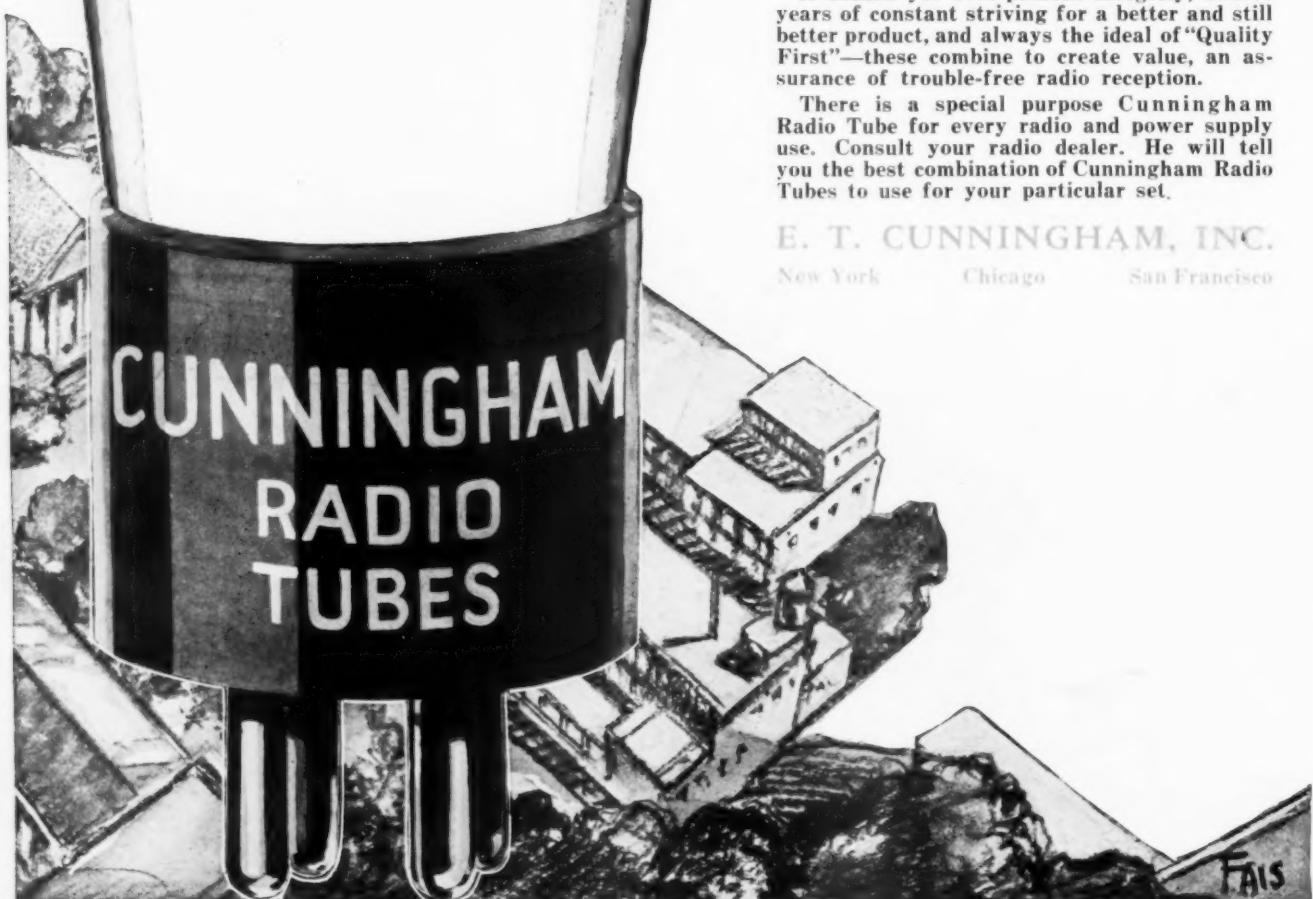
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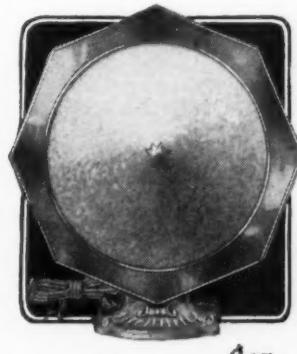
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## Forecast of Contributions for October Issue

G. M. Best describes how to build an ABC socket power device to operate the Magnaformer receiver whose construction is described in September RADIO.

C. J. Penther tells how to make your own phonograph pick-up unit from a Baldwin phone unit.

Edward T. Jones details the construction and use of a portable testing set that gives a visible record of tests of sealed Radiola catacombs and of other factory built sets. This should be a boon to the service man.

Prof. W. C. Osterbrock has devised an ingenious chart for determining great circle distances. This should prove invaluable to amateur and commercial operators as well as to all who are interested in knowing the correct distance between any two points on the earth's surface.

Hugo E. Anderson discusses 40 and 20 meter antenna systems.

Charles F. Felstead gives a popular exposition of the radio ground question, presenting many facts that will interest the novice.

Samuel G. McMeen, in continuing his series on Experimental Shop Practice, gives directions for coloring and finishing metals, together with some useful kinks on metal working.

In "Servicing The Installed Set" B. F. McNamee presents the first of a series of a dozen or more articles dealing with systematized trouble shooting. These constitute a veritable manual of instructions.

Francis Churchill describes the construction and operation of a new constant gain receiver which he has devised. This is a modified five-tube set that gives constant amplification throughout the entire broadcast band. He also gives the results of his successful experience with a 5 meter receiver as used at 6AJF.

5-meter reception is further treated by A. Binneweg, Jr., 6BX, in his account of wavemeter calibration for this wavelength.

The amateur transmitter should furthermore be interested in C. K. Stedman's description of an improved capacity microphone.

In addition to the usual material published by P. S. Lucas in the Commercial Brassounder Department, Micky Doran starts the first of a useful series of Marine Radio Notes covering the North Pacific and Oriental waters.

G. V. Willets in his story on "Direct Communication" gives a humorous insight into the life of a commercial operator. Simpleton Fitts, whose identity is disclosed elsewhere in these columns, pokes a little fun at radio amplification, or rather radio exaggeration.

The fiction feature is a radio detective story by Paul Oard.



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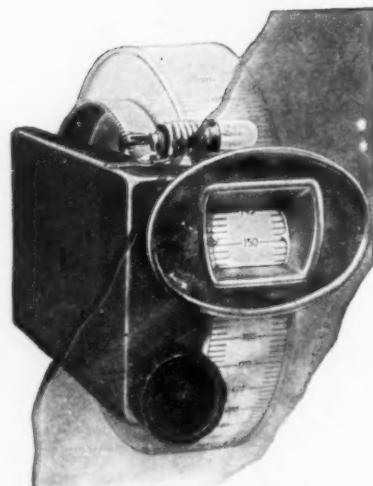
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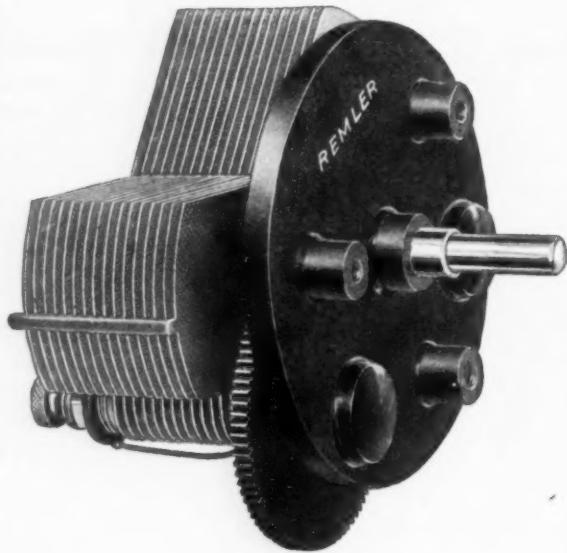
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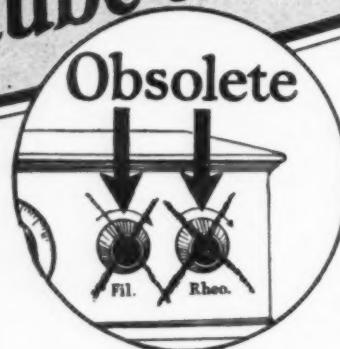
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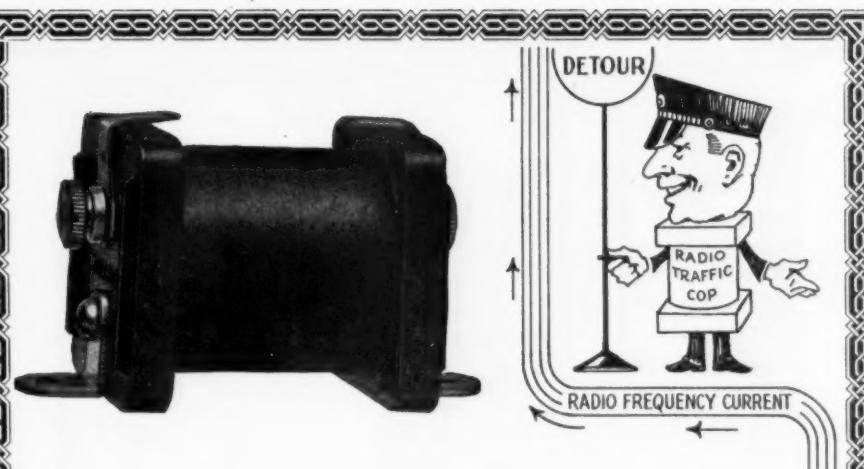
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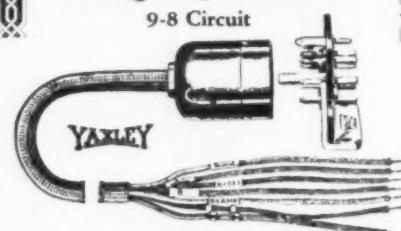
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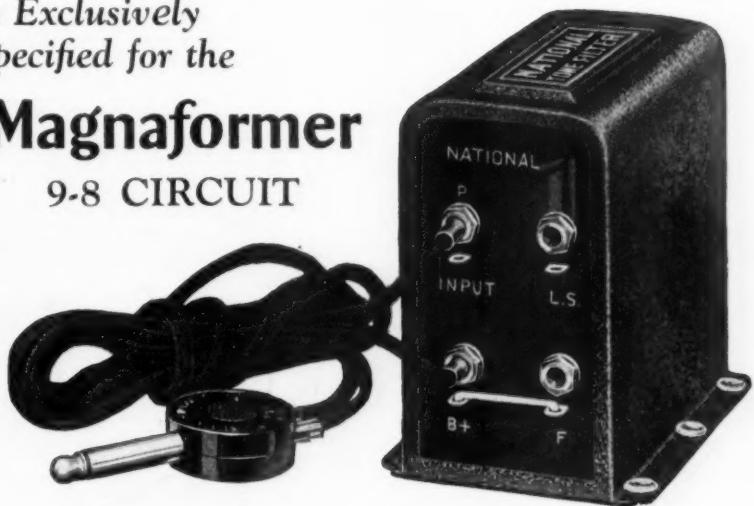
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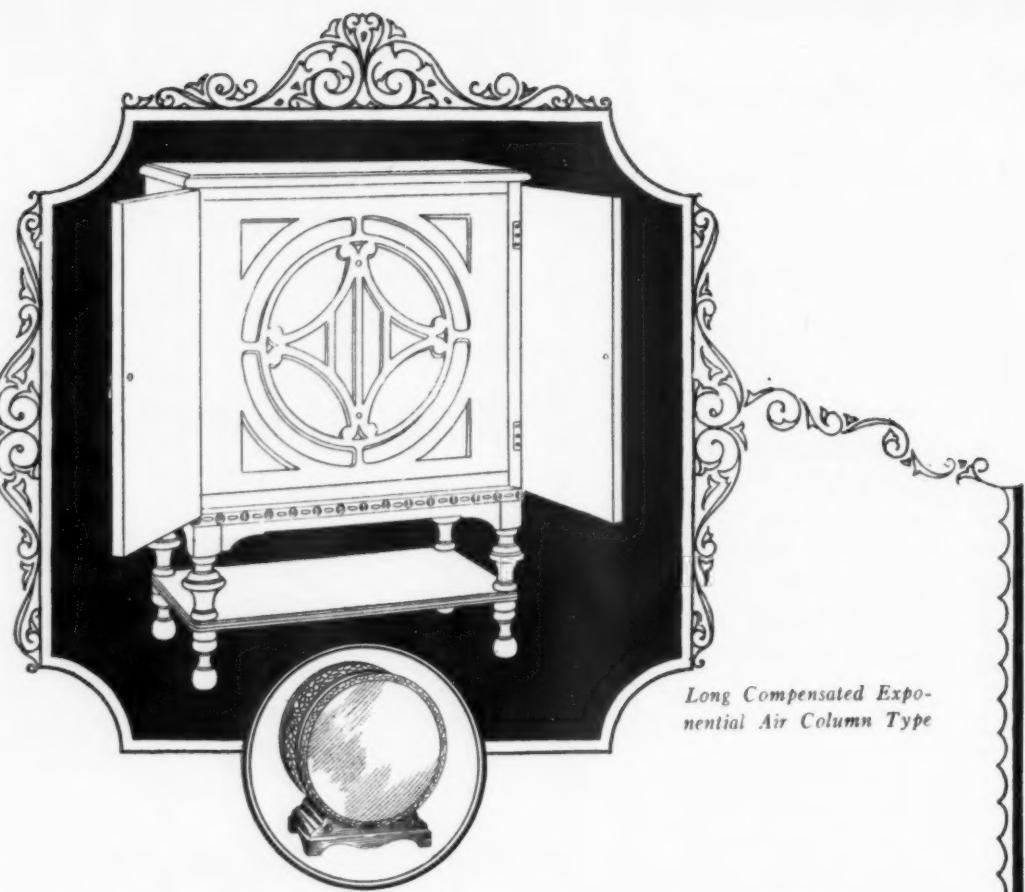
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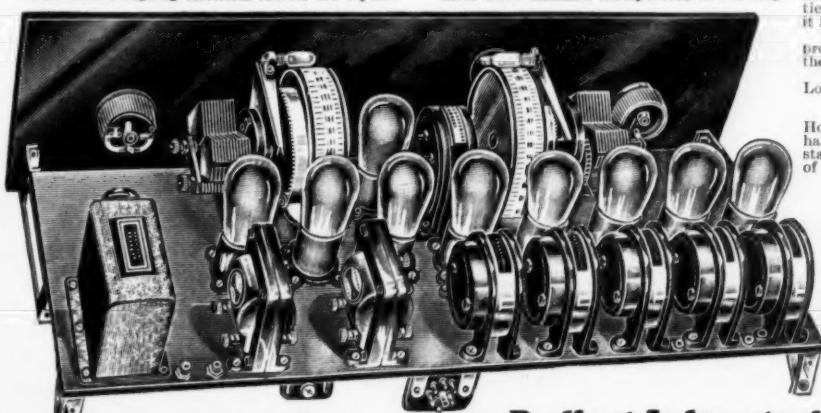
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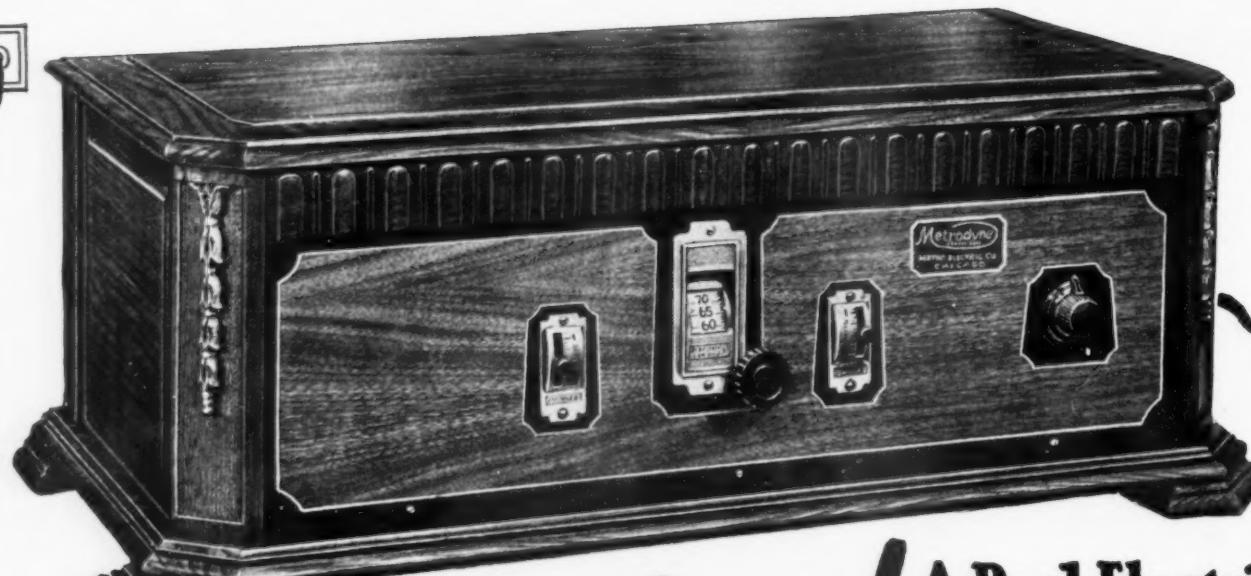
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## *Radiotorial Comment*

The year 1927 will go down in history as the beginning of stability in the radio industry. Previously there was no legal control of broadcasting and but little control of patent rights. The Federal Radio Commission has now been given definite control of broadcasting

### **Stabilization of the Radio Industry**

and the Radio Corporation of America has assumed control of the patent situation by licensing a dozen or more firms to manufacture receivers under its patents. Thus the process of stabilization has started.

Six years ago the Pacific Radio Trade Association, the first radio trade organization in the country, announced that its prime objects were "to popularize, to standardize, and to stabilize radio." Since that time many agencies have been working and contributing to the same objects so that today radio is certainly popular, it is rapidly becoming standardized, and it has stabilization within reach.

But the industry has been in an unstable condition for such a long time and there are still so many forces to unbalance it, that an appreciable time will probably elapse before complete equilibrium is gained. Nor is stability an unmixed blessing. Instability requires forward motion, while equilibrium often becomes a state of rest. So, with stability, there is danger of slowing-up the rapid progress that has characterized the radio industry in the past.

The acceptance of an R. C. A. license is a practical admission of the validity of its patent claims. These claims cover almost all of the principles that

**The R. C. A. Licenses** are vital to the operation of the most popular types of receivers. It is difficult

to make a tuned radio frequency set, a neutrodyne or a regenerative set which does not infringe upon some one or more of them. They cover the use of a grid-leak or of a C battery and other features that add to the efficiency or convenience of operation.

Of course there are various means for getting around some of them, just as there are good radio patents which are not controlled by the R. C. A. Many of them have been generally disregarded in the past and none of them have finally been adjudicated. Yet it is most significant that some of the leading manufacturers have secured a license to use them.

The granting of these licenses and probable concentration of much of the future radio business into the hands of

**The Effects of Patent Control** the owners and licensees of these patents is of direct interest to the public. Just what will be the final effect depends largely upon the manner in which they are administered. This plan has not yet been divulged.

Two somewhat parallel cases of patent control were afforded by the Marsh patents on electrical heating and the Selden automobile patents. Both long dominated their respective industries. Yet one is believed to have been beneficial and the other detrimental.

The Marsh patents were administered with foresight and moderation. Licenses were granted on a reasonable basis, strict supervision was exercised over the quality of the output of the different licensees, and the industry acquired a stability that would not otherwise have been gained for years. The buyer paid slightly higher prices, but got what he paid for. The Marsh patents have expired, but the electric heating industry is stronger and the public has received better service than would have been likely under unlimited competition.

On the other hand, the Selden patents were apparently administered under the policy of charging all that the traffic would bear. The disappearance of many once-famed names of automobiles is ascribed to the burdens which were imposed upon licensees. Until these patents were broken by Ford, after years of bitter litigation, they did much to stifle initiative and retard development.

Either of these results might occur in the case of radio, or the patent control may have an entirely different effect. For the radio industry seldom follows precedent. Should it become necessary to pay royalties to several owners of patents, each royalty averaging five per cent of the price of the set, including the battery-eliminator and loud speaker if built in, the selling price might become prohibitive.

The immediate effect of such prohibitive prices would be to stimulate the construction of home-built sets. The builder would have the double incentive of the joy of creation and the saving of money. To fix responsibility and to penalize millions of amateur infringers would be even more difficult than enforcing the Volstead Act. Furthermore, the Radio Corporation, in recognition of the great contributions which the amateurs have made to the art which it has capitalized, has not openly discouraged their activity.

Some sensible means for clearing the radio patent maze is confidently anticipated from the recommendations of the

**Clearing the Patent Maze** Nema Patent Committee. If they can work out a feasible plan for pooling patent interests, a reasonable basis of return to the inventor, and a minimum of restrictions on initiative, a prosperous industry may weather the calm of stabilization.

Or to use another figure of speech, while the industry is in no danger of drowning, it has been bobbing about in deep water. Whether the stability that is now within its reach is a life preserver or an anchor remains to be demonstrated.

# Radio Television

## A Simple Explanation and Description of The Bell Laboratories Successful Experiments

By Arthur Hobart

ONE of the most interesting and promising of the several methods which are being developed for the radio transmission of action pictures of moving objects is that employed by the American Tel. & Tel. Company in connection with its recent demonstration of similar wire transmission. Both wire and radio transmission of moving pictures, or television, are outgrowths of the Bell system's commercial practice in the wire transmission of still pictures. The methods are yet in the experimental stage and the elaborateness of the equipment precludes any present probability of its general use. But as an example of what can be accomplished by organized scientific research and as a foretaste of what the future holds, they are of intense interest.

The actual radio transmission was accomplished from 3XN, the Bell Laboratories' experimental station at Whippany, N. J., to New York City, a distance of about fifty miles. It was done with a standard Western Electric 5 kilowatt broadcast transmitter which was

modified so as to transmit sidebands extending 20 kilocycles on either side of the 1575 k. c. (192.2 meters) carrier wave.

Thus, as compared with radio telephony, which requires a 10 k. c. channel, radio television takes a 40 k. c. channel. The receiver, likewise, must be especially designed to give uniform amplification throughout this 40 k. c. band and to have a sharp cut-off at 1555 and 1595 k. c.

The carrier wave is modulated by, or has superimposed upon it, an electrical current whose intensity varies in accordance with the brilliancy of the light or the darkness of the shade reflected from the object whose picture is to be transmitted.

This conversion of variation in light to variation in current is accomplished by means of a photo-electric cell. This is a vacuum tube with a potassium cathode. The potassium gives off electrons when it is illuminated, the number of electrons depending upon the intensity of the illumination. When the

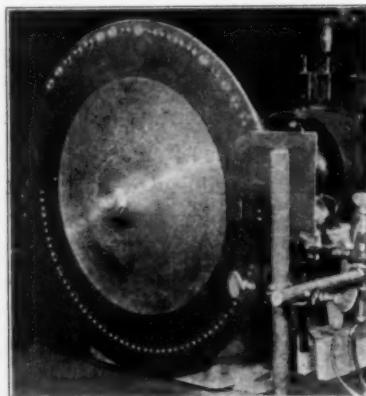
cathode and the anode are connected through an external circuit, an electric current flows through it. The intensity of this current is dependent upon the number of electrons flowing and thus upon the intensity of the illumination.

The object or picture to be transmitted is normally in shadow. By rapidly sweeping a narrow beam of light over it, each element successively reflects a certain amount of light which correspondingly affects the photoelectric cell. This beam is guided by a "scanning disc" and sweeps over the entire scene in less than a fifteenth of a second. The scanning disc contains a series of spirally-arranged holes and is rapidly revolved so that darts of light from it successively illuminate narrow horizontal strips of the scene.

As each detail is illuminated the photoelectric cell instantly initiates a current proportional to the light reflected to it. As the beam of light swings across the scene, working its way from top to bottom, the current from the cell varies correspondingly. So quickly does the beam scan the scene that the current



Transmitting Equipment at 3XN. Light Beam From Hole at Right Passes Through Motor-Driven Screen in Center to Throw Scanning Ray on Face of Speaker. Light Reflected Therefrom Causes Varying Electron Emission in Photoelectric Cells.

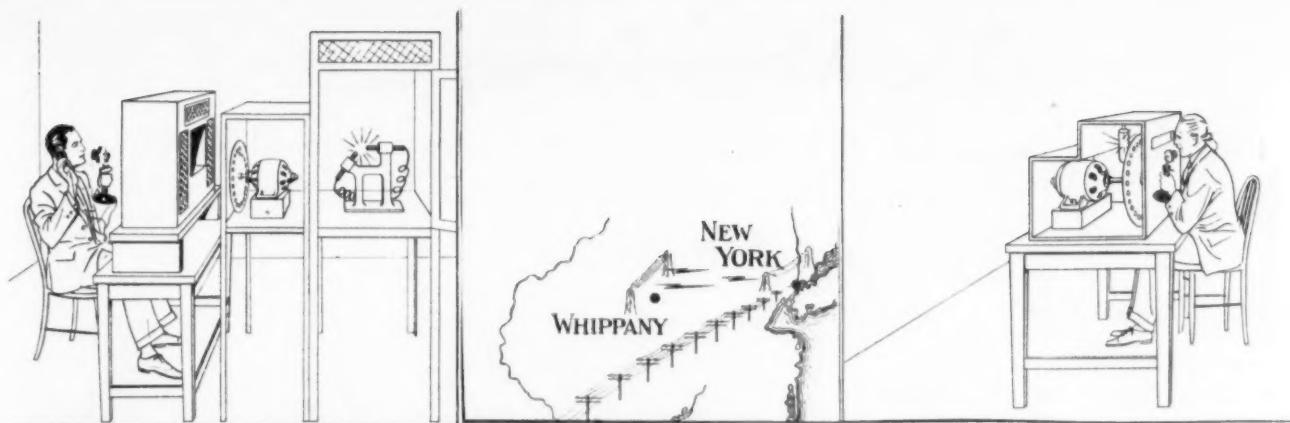


Synchronized Disc for Viewing Radio Transmitted Moving Picture. Image is Viewed Through Rectangular Shield at Right.

variations may change from a maximum to a minimum and back to a maximum in a twenty-thousandth of a second.

The weak current from the photoelectric cell is first amplified by vacuum tube amplifiers and is then impressed upon a vacuum tube modulator whose output is impressed upon the carrier wave from a vacuum tube oscillator and thus radiated from the antenna.

At the receiving end the radiations are amplified, and impressed across the electrodes of a neon tube, whose brilliancy of glow is proportional to the applied voltage. These variations in light intensity pass through the holes of a



*Radio Television Equipment. At Left is Cabinet Containing Three Photoelectric Cells. Next is Arc Light and Motor-Driven Scanning Screen. In Center Are Radio Channels. At Right is Neon Tube and Synchronous Screen.*

revolving disc onto a screen. As the disc at the receiver is identical with that at the transmitter and is revolved at exactly the same speed, the screen shows light variations corresponding to those on the original object and so reproduces a picture of it.

Thus the current at the receiving station produces at each instant a spot of light whose brightness corresponds to that of the scene detail reflected to the photoelectric cell at the moment it initiated that particular amount of current. At each instant the position of this spot of light also corresponds to that of the scene detail. The entire scene, in successive details is thus reproduced for an observer.

the transmitting end required a separate 1 kw. transmitter at 180 kilocycles to control the speed of the motor which operates the disc. Such synchronism is accomplished by using two synchronous a. c. motors at each end. The main motor operates at a frequency which rotates the disc at the right speed to form complete images, say 18 cycles per second. A second and smaller motor at each end operating at 2000 cycles per second keeps the two main motors in exact step, its speed being directly controlled by radio.

The general method described produces a small picture about 2 by 2½ in. In order to give a larger picture on a plane 2 ft. square, a very long neon tube is folded back and forth to form a great grid. Inside of this long neon tube are 2500 pairs of electrodes, each corresponding to a single small area of the picture plane. As the current corresponding to each area reaches the receiving station it is distributed through contacts controlled by the synchronized motors to the appropriate electrode and

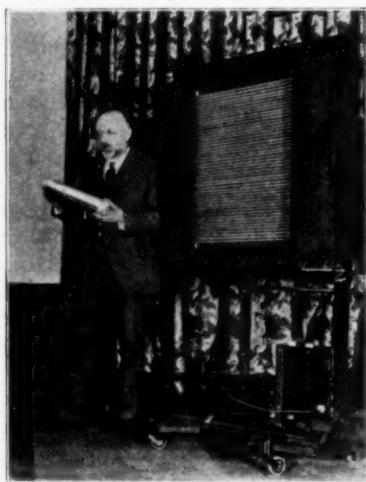
so causes a flash of light similar in location and intensity.

The entire grid-like tube is observed either directly or through a translucent screen. Eighteen times a second each of its 2500 areas shines forth with a brilliancy similar to that of a portion of the distant scene. Due to the persistence of vision the observer sees not a series of discrete light flashes, but the picture as a whole.

Three large photoelectric cells are used to receive the light reflected from the object. These are placed so as to secure the equivalent of illumination from various directions. Illumination by the rapidly moving beam and its observation by several photoelectric eyes is like the arrangement of lights around the subject in a photographic studio.

In addition to the channels required for the radio transmission of the picture and the speed control of the discs a third channel was required for the radio telephone transmission of speech and music.

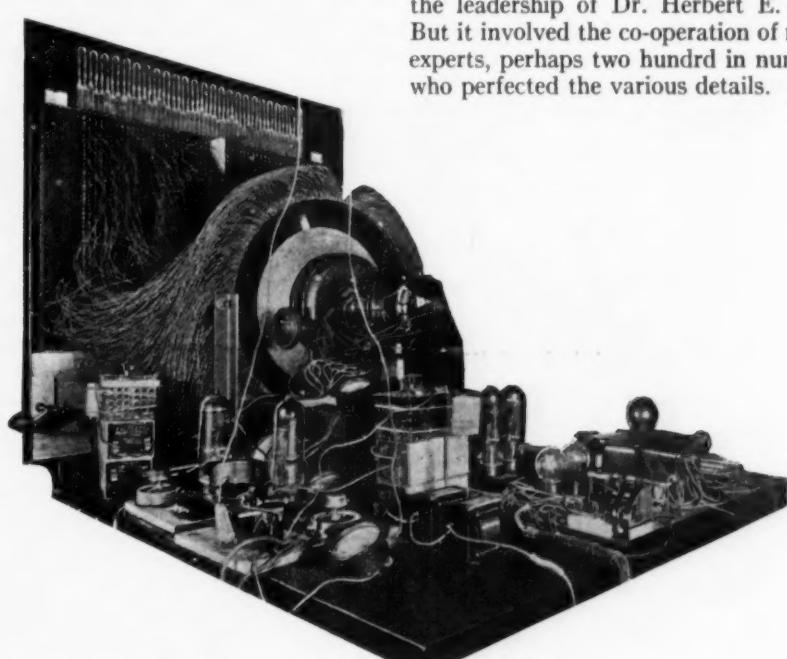
This entire development was under the leadership of Dr. Herbert E. Ives. But it involved the co-operation of many experts, perhaps two hundred in number, who perfected the various details.



*Dr. Herbert E. Ives Holding Photoelectric Cell and Standing Beside Neon Tube Grid.*

The complete process of reproducing these light details in proper order takes less than an eighteenth of a second. It is then automatically repeated and the observer instantaneously sees each detail eighteen times a second, which is equivalent to seeing a moving picture of the scene as a whole.

Many of the difficult problems involved in the practical accomplishment are not apparent in this simplified explanation of the process. For instance, the synchronization of the speed of the disc at the receiving end with that at



*Rear View of Neon Tube Grid Showing Current Distributor.*

## The Magnaformer 9-8

# Detailed Directions For Assembling the Latest Loop-Operated Kit Receiver Using Nine or Eight 5-Volt Tubes

By G. M. Best

**T**HE new Magnaformer 9-8 has been especially designed to give such simplicity of assembly that any novice builder having normal patience can easily build a set which has good selectivity, great volume and fine tone quality. It meets every requirement of the modern trend in receivers, including drum dials and concealed wiring. It also meets the demand for a set using large tubes to be operated by storage battery or *A* socket power.

The parts are of the latest and most approved design. The Magnaformers, or radio frequency transformers, give great voltage amplification without distortion and the audio system assures well-nigh perfect reproduction of all tone values. Furthermore the completed receiver contains no complicated adjustments that might tend to make its operation difficult.

It is designed to operate with a standard two or three tap loop antenna. Connections are shown in the circuit diagram for the three tap loop, but a loop without center tap may be used without difficulty. Due to its four stages of r. f. amplification, there is adequate sensitivity even with a small loop antenna. Where four stages are found to give too much sensitivity, a switch is provided to cut out the last r. f. stage.

There are two tuning controls on the front panel, each operating a .0005 mfd. variable condenser, with a drum dial. Sensitivity is controlled by a 400 ohm potentiometer at the left hand end of the panel, and an additional adjustment of the r. f. tube filaments is had with the 10 ohm rheostat-switch at the right end of the panel, the latter being used as a main switch to turn the set on or off.

Seven of the nine tubes are type 201-A, one is a type 112 in the first audio stage, and one is a type 371 in the last audio stage. The Magnaformer circuit presents no innovations, all emphasis being placed upon the efficiency of the amplification accomplished with these shielded, air core transformers, each of which is permanently tuned by means of a condenser contained within the shield. These transformers are designed to give extreme selectivity and yet have a sufficiently flat amplification curve at the peak so as not to cut off the side bands of the modulated frequency which is being amplified. The output of the amplifier is connected directly to the detector without additional external condensers or other tuning apparatus.

The output of the detector, which rejects the carrier and retains only the audio frequency component with which the carrier was modulated, is fed into a two stage transformer coupled amplifier, using high quality transformers. A r. f. choke is placed in the plate circuit of the detector, so as to prevent r. f. currents from passing through the audio transformer primary. These currents

find an easy path through the .001 mfd, fixed condenser, back to the filament, while the audio frequencies pass through the choke without hindrance, and into the audio amplifier. The output of the power tube is connected to the loud speaker windings, but permits the audio frequencies to pass without loss.

The filament circuit is wired for six volt storage battery or *A* eliminator supply throughout, suitable rheostats and Amperites being provided so that the best operating condition for each tube may be obtained.

The only C batteries required are connected to the audio amplifier circuit. The type 112 first stage tube has  $4\frac{1}{2}$  volts C, when using from 90 to 135 volts plate, and the 371 power tube will require  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts C for 135 volts plate, or 45 volts C for 180 volts plate, the latter being preferable because it enables obtaining much greater power output than is possible with only 135 volts plate. The necessary bias for the other tubes is obtained through the voltage drop in the filament rheostat or by means of a 400 ohm potentiometer.

A center tapped loop antenna is used, as this type is more selective than a

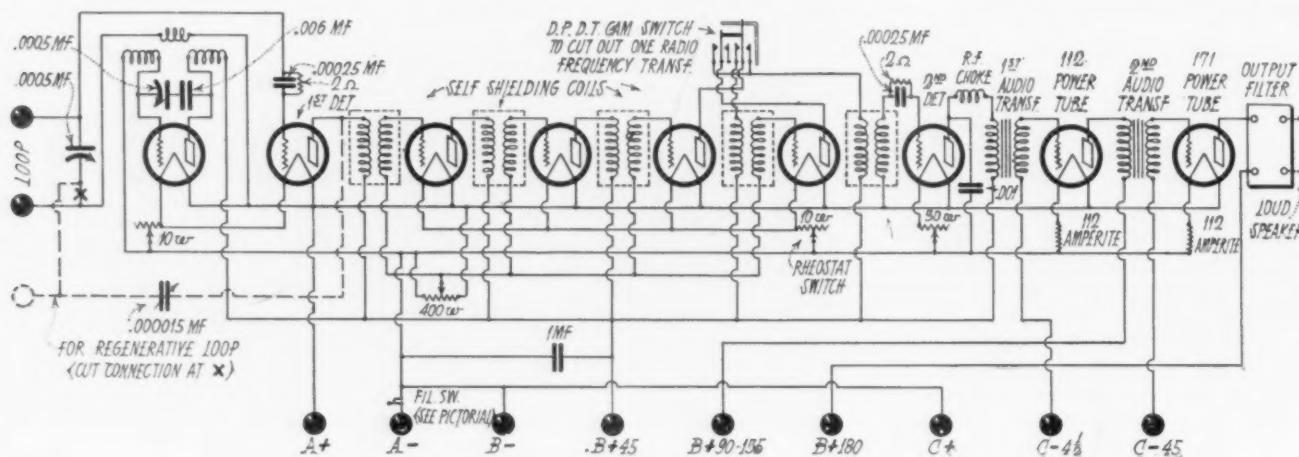
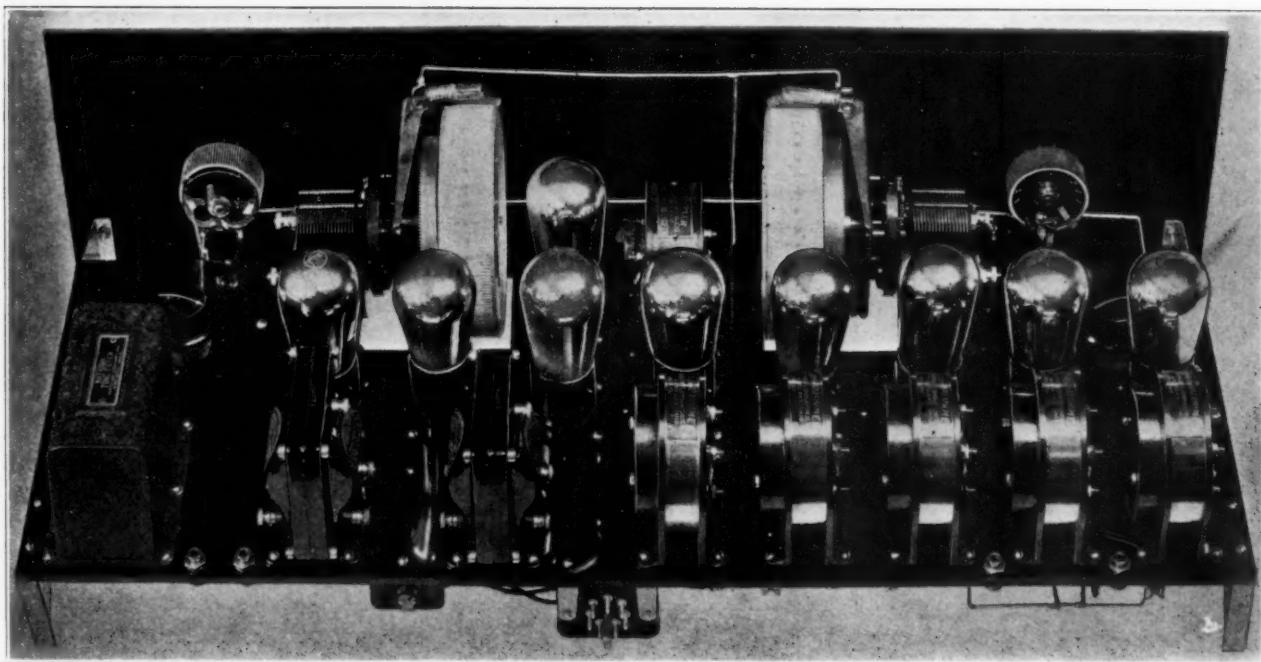


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Magnaformer 9-8



*Rear View of Magnaformer 9-8*

two terminal loop, and permits regeneration where extreme distance is wanted. The position of the regeneration condenser is shown in dotted lines on the circuit diagram, as it is not included in the list of parts, nor shown in the pictures. It may be of the variable mica type, such as the XL Model G-1, or a small variable condenser such as the General Radio .00045 mfd. If it is the former type, it may be mounted on the subpanel, and adjusted for best operation on one of the stations in the lower end of the broadcast wavelength band. If it is variable, it can be mounted on the panel above the volume control, where it can be adjusted easily.

The parts list gives all the details about the parts required to build the receiver, and includes the identical apparatus used for the set shown in the

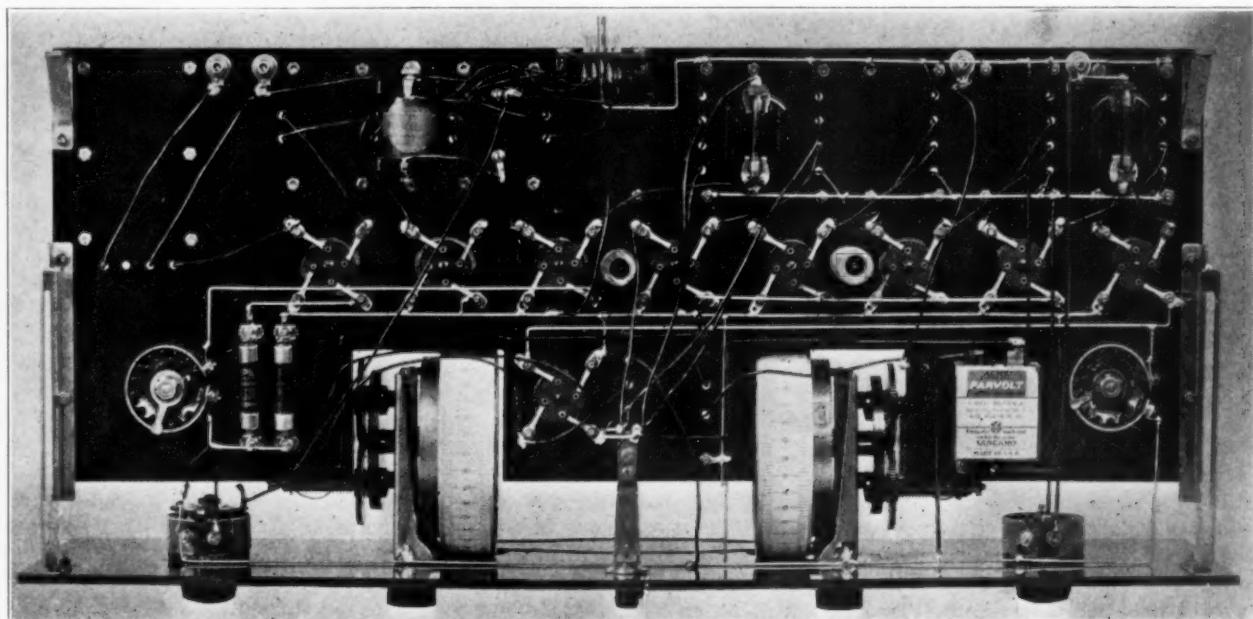
pictures. However, the more advanced set builders will be able to select other makes of apparatus which will serve the purpose equally well.

The panel can be obtained already drilled for the parts used, and hence no panel drilling template is given. The drum dials, with associated condensers, are spaced at equal distances on each side of the panel center, and the subpanel is cut out in two places so as to clear them. The subpanel is also obtainable ready drilled for immediate use, and with the slots for the drum dials already cut.

For use in wiring the receiver, as well as the assembly, two circuit diagrams have been prepared: one in schematic form, Fig. 1, and a pictorial diagram, Fig. 2. The latter has been drawn as near to scale as is possible, consistent

with clearness, and will serve as a guide in the placement of parts on the subpanel. Wiring which is underneath the subpanel is shown in solid lines, and that above the panel in dotted lines, since most of the wiring is underneath the panel.

As can be seen in the picture of the underpart of the subpanel, the r. f. choke, bypass condenser, Amperites, mica condensers and subpanel supports are the only parts not mounted on top of the subpanel, but practically all the wiring is run underneath the shelf so as to present a good appearance, as well as give an efficient wiring layout. Flexible spaghetti covered wire is used for all connections which pass through holes in the subpanel, while solid busbar wire is used for the filament circuit and other connections easily made. The sockets



*Under Side of Sub-Panel*

are of the type designed for assembly direct to the subpanel, the panel providing the necessary support for the socket springs.

In assembling the set, it would be best to mount the panel apparatus first; then the subpanel equipment, and wire the latter as completely as possible before fastening the subpanel to the mounting brackets attached to the front panel. As the battery leads are all connected to the set by means of the cable connector, all filament wiring, with the exception of the panel rheostats, can be completed before the two main parts of the set are put together, and most of the wiring, particularly in the audio amplifier, can be completed and tested.

The loop antenna connections are made to a set of tip jacks located on the back edge of the subpanel; the picture shows but two, since the center tap of the loop was connected to the positive *A* battery. But the third jack should be installed adjacent to the other two so as to simplify the loop connections. The connections to the loud speaker are through a similar pair of tip jacks, located between the second audio transformer and the output filter. The wiring of the jack switch for cutting out the last r. f. amplifier tube may seem complicated at first sight, but the pictorial diagram shows clearly where each wire goes, and the position of the wiring to the switch terminals, so that after a little studying of the diagram the job should be a simple one.

Upon completing the wiring, connect the battery cable to the connector plug on the subpanel, and connect the six volt *A* battery to the terminals at the end of the cable. Turn on the main rheostat-switch, and the dial lamps should light. Insert a type *A* tube in each socket in turn, and note whether the individual rheostats function properly, by swinging them through their full range. Should the tube filament fail to light, while the dial lamps work normally, there is an open circuit in the main filament busbar.

Now disconnect the positive *A* battery wire, and touch the various positive *B* battery wires to the positive *A* battery. If the tube filament lights in any of the sockets, when the above test is made, there is a short circuit in the *B* supply, somewhere in either the wiring or the apparatus itself, and this should be located before the *B* batteries are connected.

Assuming that the wiring tests O. K., it is still a good idea to insert a 25 watt Mazda lamp temporarily in the negative *B* battery lead, shunting this lamp with a 1 mfd. bypass condenser to prevent oscillation. Then if a short circuit develops the lamp will light, but will not pass sufficient current to burn out any of the tube filaments. As there might be a short circuit in the oscillator con-

#### LIST OF PARTS FOR MAGNAFORMER 9-8

- 1 Formica Front Panel,  $7 \times 26 \times \frac{1}{8}$  in.
- 1 Formica Sub-Panel,  $9 \times 25 \times \frac{1}{8}$  in.
- 5 Magnaformer Transformers, Unit R. F. No. 61.
- 1 Unicoupler, Unit C. U. No. 71.
- 1 Remler No. 110 Drum Type Dial with Control.
- 1 Remler No. 110-R Drum Type Dial with Control.
- 2 Remler .0005 mfd. Variable Condensers.
- 2 Benjamin Sockets No. 9044.
- 2 Benjamin Sub-Panel Brackets 2 in. high, No. 8629.
- 2 Ferranti Audio Transformer, A. F. No. 4 or A. F. No. 3.
- 1 National Tone Filter.
- 1 Samson Radio Frequency Choke Coil No. 125.
- 2 Aerovox .00025 Grid Condensers, with Mountings, Type 1475.
- 1 Aerovox .001 Fixed Condenser, Type 1450.
- 1 Aerovox 1 mfd. By-Pass Condenser, Type 200 Short.
- 2 Durham 2 Megohm Grid Leaks.
- 1 Frost DeLuxe 400 Ohm Potentiometer.
- 1 Frost DeLuxe 10 Ohm Combination Rheostat and Battery Switch.
- 1 Frost DeLuxe 10 Ohm Rheostat.
- 1 Frost DeLuxe 30 Ohm Rheostat.
- 5 Frost Tip Jacks.
- 2 No. 112 Radiall Amperites, with Holders.
- 1 Yaxley Cable Connector Plug No. 660.
- 1 Yaxley Radio Jack Switch, No. 60.
- 2 Feet Acme Bus Bar Wire, No. 14 round tinned.
- 5 Feet Acme Flexible Spaghetti Covered Wire.
- 1 Quali-Tone Loop—Duro Metal Products Co.
- 1  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2$  in. Wood Block for Sub-Panel Support.
- 2 2 in. Right Angle Supports for Supporting Rear of Sub-Panel.
- Wire, Screws, Lugs, Nuts, Bolts, Solder.

denser, due to damage to the condenser, or rough handling during assembly, a .006 mfd. fixed mica condenser is placed in series with the tuning condenser, so that if the air condenser is shorted, the mica condenser protects the oscillator tube and coil. It has no effect on the tuning, since it offers practically no impedance to radio frequencies.

After adjusting the *B* battery voltages to the right values, with 45 volts for all tubes up to and including the detector, 90 to 135 volts for the 1st audio tube, and 135 to 180 volts for the power tube, tune in a local station, and lower the volume to a point somewhat below normal by adjusting the volume control potentiometer at the left hand end of the panel. It will be found that the station can be brought in at two points on the right hand dial, so that the best setting for local conditions, where no interference with other stations is had, should be selected. Adjust the detector rheostat for best sensitivity, and tone quality. If the filament current is too low, the tone will become muffled and hollow. With the type 200-A detector, the sensitive spot will be very definite in a certain position of the rheostat; with the ordinary type *A* tube, this setting will not be critical. The remaining rheostat should be adjusted for maximum sensitivity, and will probably not again need adjusting.

The rheostat controlling the four r. f. amplifier tubes can be used as an auxiliary volume control, but for all practical purposes, the main volume control will be sufficient except for very powerful local stations. If regeneration is to be

employed, the feed-back condenser should be adjusted on a low wavelength station, setting the condenser to a point where a loud squeal is heard; then backing off the condenser until the oscillation ceases. It is better to use a variable mica condenser, mounted on the subpanel, and be content with a small amount of fixed regeneration. This will not be of much value for the long wave, but is particularly useful in preventing oscillation. Should a variable air condenser be used for the feedback, it should be left at zero setting when receiving local stations, for there is nothing more annoying in this type of circuit than to have the set oscillate and squeal violently at any setting of the volume control, only to find that the feedback condenser has been turned so that too much capacity is in the circuit.

#### HANDY HINTS

Ordinary three-ply veneer wood makes good panels for receiving or transmitting sets. Veneer is cheap and easy to obtain; it is thin and will not warp. A panel made of thin veneer wood is almost as good as a bakelite or hard rubber panel, if the wood is thoroughly dry and seasoned. It would be a good plan to bake the veneer panel in a warm oven for a half hour to make sure that there is no moisture left in the wood.

When a three-circuit (primary, secondary, and tickler windings) having fixed coupling (the coupling is determined by the distance between the primary and secondary windings) is constructed, the builder has to choose whether to place the primary and secondary windings close together (tight coupling) and get good volume of music but poor selectivity; or to place them farther apart (loose coupling) and get good selectivity but not so much volume. The best placing of the primary and secondary will have to be found by experiment, because the proper degree of coupling depends, to a great extent, on the nearness to powerful broadcasting stations. Either volume will have to be sacrificed for selectivity, or vice versa. The selectivity is good when a set tunes "sharply," and poor when it tunes "broadly."

Some good suggestions for the erection of aerial masts are contained in the Bureau of Standards Handbook No. 10 of Safety Rules for the Installation and Maintenance of Electrical Supply and Communication Lines. In accordance with these recommendations, wooden poles whose total length is 20 to 25 ft. should be set 5 ft. in the soil, 30 ft. poles 5.5 ft., 35 to 40 ft. poles 6 ft., 45 ft. poles 6.5 ft., 50 to 55 ft. poles 7 ft., 60 ft. poles 7.5 ft., 65 to 70 ft. poles 8 ft., 75 ft. poles 8.5 ft. and 80 ft. poles 9 ft.

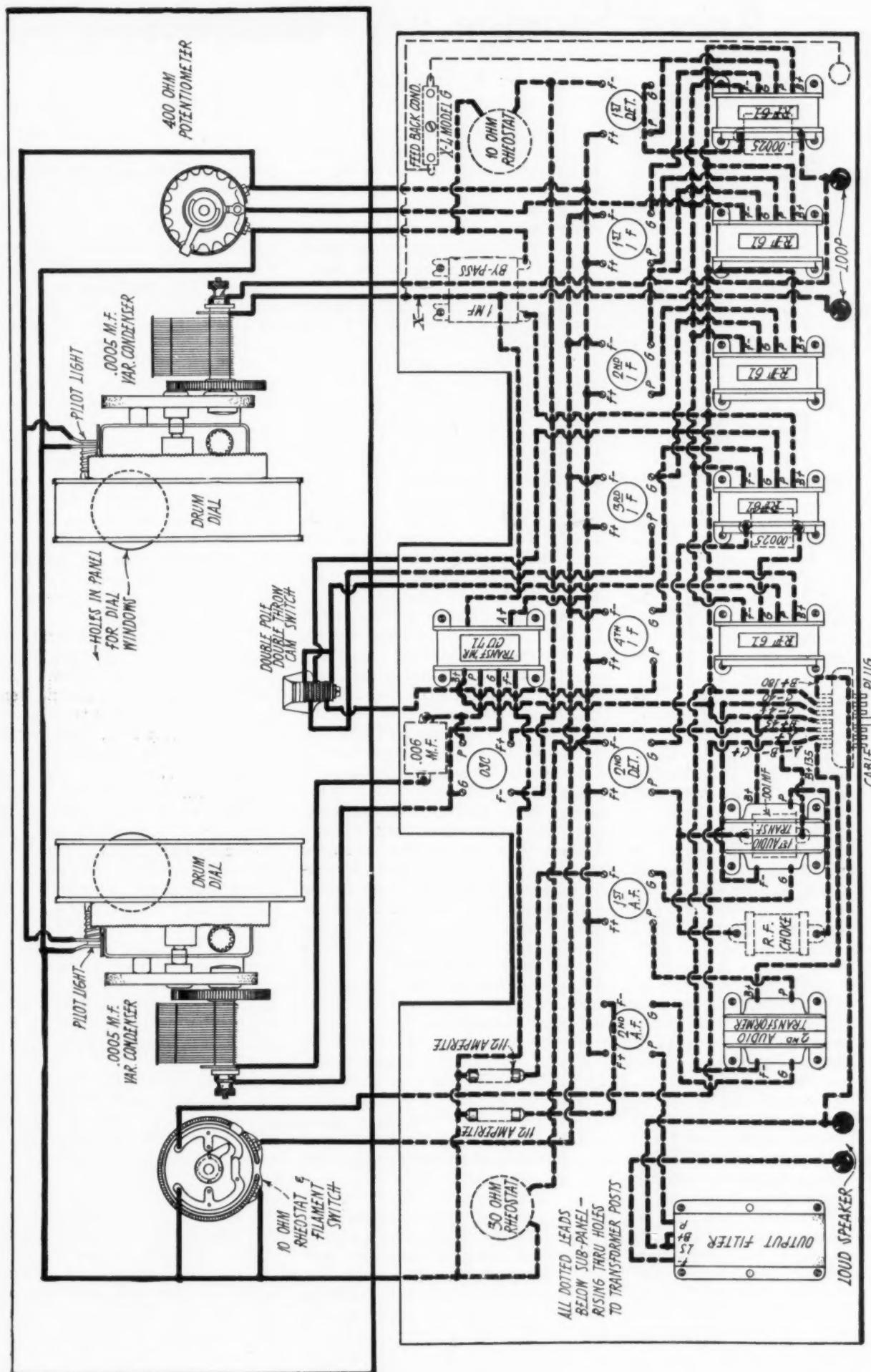


Fig. 2. Pictorial Diagram of Magnaformer 9-8

# Anent Storage "A" Batteries

By Charles F. Felstead, 6CU

THE size of the plates in a lead-acid cell determines only the ampere hour capacity of the cell and in no way affects the voltage. A storage cell with plates as large as a room would have the same voltage as a storage cell the size of a thimble, if such existed. However, the current capacity measured in ampere hours would be immeasurably greater for the first cell than for the latter.

A fully charged cell remains at 2 volts for the first half of the discharge period. During the next quarter period the voltage remains at 1.95 volts. In the final quarter of the discharge, the voltage drops off rapidly to 1.8 volts, which is considered to be the lowest value to which the voltage of a radio cell should be allowed to fall.

Since there are three cells in the usual storage battery used as the filament battery for radio receiving sets, it will be seen that the open circuit voltage, which is the voltage of the battery when nothing other than the measuring voltmeter is connected to it, is 6 volts when the battery is fully charged. When the battery is totally discharged, it will show 5.4 volts on a circuit that draws a normal amount of current from the battery, a circuit such as an ordinary receiving set with all the tubes lighted. These voltage readings can be obtained easily if a sensitive direct-current voltmeter graduated in tenths of a volt is used.

It is not a good plan to use a large lead-acid filament battery in conjunction with a trickle charger in the filament circuit of a radio receiving set. A battery having a rated capacity of 100 ampere hours or more should be charged by a regular large-size battery charger, such as a Tungar or Rectigon. These will recharge the battery at a rate of 3 to 6 amperes, depending on the type used, whereas the average trickle charger provides a charging current of 0.35 to 0.7 amperes. If a 100 ampere hour battery is used with a trickle charger, and the battery once allowed to become completely discharged, there is little likelihood that the trickle charger will ever have an opportunity to fully recharge the battery, unless the receiving set is not used for quite a long time.

The battery probably will not be charged to more than 20 per cent of its full capacity at any time, because generally there will not be any long enough periods of charging between listening periods for the battery to get fully charged again. The result is that the other 80 per cent of the material in the battery plates will be idle, and that will cause the lead sulphate, which is nor-

mally in a finely divided form on the plates of a discharged battery, to coalesce gradually into larger crystals on the unused portions of these plates. The surface of one of these larger lead sulphate crystals is not nearly so great as the combined surfaces of the many small crystals of lead sulphate in the finely divided form that went to make up this one larger crystal. The portions of the battery plates that are covered with these larger crystals of lead sulphate are said to be "sulphated," and will not function properly.

Thus 80 per cent of the surfaces of the plates in the battery soon become unuseable, and are merely an unnecessary waste of space. So the battery in this case has really a capacity of only 20 ampere hours, although it probably cost twice as much as a regular 20 amp. hr. battery. The logical thing to do is to buy a battery with a 15 or 20 amp. hr. rating if a trickle charger is to be used with it.

Many inexperienced persons think that the capacity of a storage battery can be judged by the size of the battery case. Unscrupulous manufacturers have played on that belief by making 50 amp. hr. batteries, putting them in cases designed for the 100 amp. hr. types, and selling them for what the larger battery would bring. This form of deception cannot be detected except by taking the battery apart. And even in that case, an expert battery man must examine and test the battery to determine whether or not it was assigned a fraudulent capacity. It is safer always for the radio enthusiast to buy his storage A battery from some reliable battery manufacturer. The actual capacity of a storage battery is determined by the amount of active material the battery contains, and not by the outside dimensions of the battery case.

The capacity of storage batteries is referred to in terms of ampere hours, just as the capacity of a water tank is measured in gallons. If a storage battery is said to have a capacity of 20 amp. hr., it means that the battery is theoretically capable of delivering a current of 20 amperes for one hour, or 1 ampere for 20 hours, or any like quantity. When the battery is recharged after being completely discharged, an amount of electrical energy must be put back that is equivalent to the amount that was taken out by the circuit to which the battery was formerly connected. In other words, if a completely discharged 20 amp. hr. storage battery is connected to a trickle charger that delivers a current of 0.4 ampere, it will take fifty

hours to fully recharge the battery. This is true theoretically, but practically there is a slight variation due to electrical leakage within the battery.

Trickle chargers for use with radio storage batteries can be designed to charge batteries at almost any reasonable rate. The ideal charging rate is naturally one that, during the hours when the set is not being operated and the battery is on charge, will put back as much electrical energy in the battery as was used by the receiving set during the hours of operation. This ideal state of charge and discharge is one that is difficult to maintain. Naturally, it is not practical to build trickle chargers on a commercial scale that will maintain this even balance of charge and discharge; as the amount of current drawn each day from the storage A batteries by different receiving sets varies widely, for it depends upon the number and type of tubes used, the number of hours the receiving set is operated each day, and many other things.

So the manufacturers construct trickle chargers having a rate that is a trifle too high, rather than too low, so that it puts back slightly more electrical energy in the battery than was taken out when the set was being used. This overcharging is better than undercharging.

After the battery has become fully charged, the extra current heats and decomposes the water and electrolyte into bubbles of hydrogen and oxygen. The bubbles are of gas surrounded by a thin film of electrolyte and water. These minute bubbles rise to the surface of the solution and break, causing a fine spray. It is this spray that wets the top of a battery when it is being charged and corrodes the battery terminals. When these bubbles are rising in considerable numbers to the surface of the solution in a battery, there is a distinct odor of gas, and the battery is said to be "gassing."

Some makes of trickle chargers have *High*, *Medium*, and *Low* taps for corresponding rates of charge. If the battery remains fully charged all of the time and does considerable "gassing," it indicates that the charging rate is too high for the amount that the set is operated, and the *Low* tap should be used until this condition is remedied, or until the set is used more hours per day.

Many makes of lead-acid storage batteries are now built into transparent cases and have small colored balls floating in the battery solution to indicate the state of charge of the battery. In some batteries there are two of these

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# The Mysterious Mr. Hankins

By Volney G. Mathison

**H**ANKINS, HANKINS, all I hear is Hankins!" exclaims Old Kid Blennerkem, big boss of the Pacific radio tube trust. "Who the hell is this eely tube-bootlegger of a Hankins, anyway?"

"I never heard of him, Elder," I replies, loungin' back in one of the radio king's huge leather chairs, an' gazin' placid-like through one of the big open windows of his fortieth-story office-hang-out at the sparkling beauty of San Francisco Bay, which looks like a great bowl of shining silver set among the city-studded California hills. "Just one more insignificant flea, I suppose, on th' fat tummy of th' world's greatest vacuum-tube plutocrat. Why worry about a little bug? Live, an' let live; that's my motto."

Old Kid Blennerkem sticks out his long dog-faced jaw at me; and his pale china-blue eyes looks real unhappy.

"Member, Elder, you was a kind of one-horse radio-junk bootlegger, yourself, back in 1913, when you were makin' tomato-can rectifiers and window-glass sendin'-condensers fer our brother hams, an' wonderin' where your next month's rent was comin' from; while I was gettin' rheumatism of th' ear-drums bangin' th' old straight-gap spark on my careenin' lumber-hooker, *Yosemite*, fer thirty beans a month. Now, it's th' glad year of 1922 A. D.; radio is rampant an' you are dishin' out carloads of these little silver-colored glass bottles with a patch a' tin in 'em, at six-fifty a throw---"

"Insignificant flea! Little bug!" exclaims Old Kid Blennerkem, huffy-like. "I tell you, as sure as your name's Samuel Jones, that this bird Hankins is the biggest flea *you* ever saw! How'm I going to hold up the retail price of tubes at \$6.50, when he is sticking his tubes all over town at four dollars—pretty good ones, too! He has no license; and he owns no patents; and he does business in the basement of an old tenement house over in Oakland that faces on three alleys and has about a hundred doors in it. As fast as we get out an injunction to lock him up behind one door, he showers out his tubes through some other one. He's a sort of vacuum-tube volcano with thirty craters. And he changes the name of the outfit, like a chameleon does his colors. He's been the Great International Thorium Refin-

eries, the Blue-Goose Tube Corporation, and this morning he is the Honkatron Laboratories of America. But the president and general manager is always Hankins. That damned Hankins!"

"Ahem, he must be a slick potato," I remarks, casual-like. "What kind of a lookin' gooney is he?"

"My stars, that's what I'd like to know!" busts out my old sidekick, wild-like. "I've had four private detectives on the payroll for the last dozen weeks; and they haven't even been able to get a look at his coat tails! We've got court summons galore for him; but we can't find him! We've been in his dungeon of a basement time and again, but there's never anybody in there but a little old snarling silvery-whiskered bantam, who claims he is the tenement landlady's janitor, and a long, lanky, hatchet-faced young fellow with towed red hair, who is always sitting on a packing case, half asleep, and says he is waiting for Hankins to come in, so he can ask him for a job. Says his trade is a plumber. Plumbing will be a lost art, before he ever finds Hankins. What would Hankins want with a plumber, anyway, I'd like to know?"

"Maybe he figures Hankins could use a plumber on his tube-making machinery," I observes, helpful-like.

"But there isn't a tube-making machine in the confounded place!" fumes Old Kid Blennerkem. "The infernal tubes come from nowhere out of the middle of the night, in big trucks—tens of thousands of them!"

Blennerkem mops his face with his big white silk bandanna.

"Sammy," he continues, reachin' over



"I've come to work here as a typist."

across his desk an' clutchin' me by the arm. "Sammy, I want you to get this fellow, Hankins. You've been in all the bootleg-tube factories in New Jersey and made yourself famous from the Balkans to Kansas City with your stories in the Mazerka Magazine showing up the crooked doings of these gyps. I'll give you a hundred dollars a week and expenses."

"Ahem," I says, kind of unenthusiastic-like. "It looks like a deep, hard case; an' I've got a lot of irons in th' fire, just now. Give me a check for six weeks' pay in advance, an' about a thousand for preliminary expenses, an' I'll take a look at it. I ain't guaranteein' I can do nothin'. This Hankins—"

"Yes, this Hankins!" echoes Blennerkem, with a wail. "I'm dropping tubes to five dollars Saturday midnight, on account of him. Say, your terms are pretty stiff. A thousand dollars for expenses!"

"I'll need it," I snaps, short-like. "Microscopes . . . telescopes . . . dictographs . . . radiophoto machines . . . an' cartons of chewin' gum to stick around to catch fingerprints. This Hankins—"

"Yes, this hulking devil of a Hankins!" chimes in Blennerkem, an' he pushes a button for his cashier.

**T**IN a couple of hours, I am over in the hangout of the Honkatron Laboratories of America. Lettin' myself into a small room in the middle of the basement, with a private key, I finds my grouchy little old janitor and right-hand bower up to his ears in orders and invoices piled all over a big empty breakfast cereal box, which serves as his desk.

"Look here, when I used to work for a regular tube-bootlegger in Newark, I

didn't have to do six men's labor!" he snarls at me, through a brown spray of tobacco juice. "Here's orders enough to keep Sears Roebuck busy for a week! An' McGurk wants his wages raised, again. Umph! Why don't you stay around some?"

"Ahem," I says, "I've been out raisin' a little capital. An' I've got rid of all them private gumshoes that been clumpin' around out in our alley, lately—I got their job myself."

"Umph! If you ain't no better secret agent than you are a tube-bootlegger, you won't be able to keep track of your own hat!" snarls the Grouchy Gopher, real sarcastic-like.

"Yeh?" I retorts, kind of irritatedly. "I learned enough investigatin' tube-bootleggers to get 'em all closed up, an' then go into th' business myself. Listen, Old Kid Blennerkem is cuttin' to five dollars Saturday midnight. We'll have to come down to three—an' make a rebate to everybody who bought in the last thirty days."

"Rebate!" yells th' Grouchy Gopher, glarin' at me ferocious-like. "Look here, when I used to work for a real tube-bootlegger in—"

"We got to protect our dealers," I interrupts him, grumpily. "This ain't no gyp outfit."

"Umph! You're goin' straight to th' pore-house!" snarls th' Grouchy Gopher. "Where do you want th' next carload of tubes from Newark to come to? The last was to Coyote, on the Santa Fe. It was a long ways for the trucks to go after 'em."

"Make th' next shipment to Vallejo Junction, on the Southern Pacific," I suggests. "There's a nice boulevard out that way."

"Umph! We got orders today from th' District Court to stop doin' business as th' Honkatron Laboratories of America. What'll our name be, tomorrow?"

"Ahem," I says, thoughtful-like. "Let's make it th' Independent Electronic Valve and Vacuum Corporation, Limited."

"Or th' Bankrupt Tube-Bootleggers, Inc!" rasps the Grouchy Gopher, nasty-like.

"Not while I got a job as Blennerkem's private detective, at a hundred dollars a week an' expenses, to go huntin' for myself!" I retorts, shortly, as I reaches for th' door.

Goin' out into my storage an' packin' room, I finds Dumb McGurk, my long, shamblin' hatchet-faced young shippin' foreman, busily ladlin' cartons of tubes into a big case. Upon hearin' my footsteps, he slumps down onto an empty box an' folds his long arms; while his freckled beak takes on a half-dead, sleepy look. Then, seein' it is only me, he gets up again an' goes back to work. "I thought you was one of them snoopin' gumshoes," he says, explanatory-like.

"It's all right to keep in practice with that pose," I replies, encouragingly. "Remember your th' Sleepin' Plumber lookin' fer a job."

"Yes, just as long as that Hankins don't walk in some day an' ketch me like that," he says, anxiously. "I wish I could see him onc't. I want to strike him fer a raise. You seen him onc't, didn't you—a long, tall, dark man, with a black mustache?"

"Yes—I saw him once," I replies, guarded-like. "Th' time he gave me my job as outside salesman. He's as silent an' invisible as a ghost."

"Gosh!" says Dumb McGurk. "He might be watchin' us, right now!" He makes a grab at a pile of tubes an' slings them into an empty packin'-case, industrious-like.

THREE weeks later, I am again sittin' in one of Old Kid Blennerkem's luxurious leather chairs, smokin' one of his big black forty-cent cigars.

"Two thousand dollars more for expense!" he howls at me, outraged-like. "My stars, what are you doing with all this money?"

"It's a tough case," I replies, leanin' back, weariedly, as I had been drivin' a truck loaded with tubes half the previous night. "I've got to have another gross of magnifyin' glasses—an' a bigger telescope . . ."

"But haven't you seen Hankins, yet?" demands Blennerkem, wildly. "Haven't you even been able to catch a finger-print of him? He's right on the job every day! He's cut the price of his tubes; and his ads are in all the papers! He's changed the name of the outfit again . . . Thoriated Radio Tube Production Factors of Belgium and Ireland—S. P. Hankins, president. And he's running magazine cuts of *our* tubes, with our trademark scratched off them and his 'Celebrated Yankee Doodle 201-X' in place of it. It's terrible!"

"He's a slippery onion," I agrees. Then, seein' that I've got to encourage Old Kid Blennerkem a little, I chucks my cigar out of the window, an' says, impressive-like: "Say, I've got a clue to Hankins."

The Pacific Coast vacuum tube emperor sits up like a shot.

"You have!" he gasps, excitedly. "Where? What is it?"

"A footprint," I replies, cautious-like. "A strange footprint in the mud, out in the alley behind his dump. I'm sure it's his. It don't belong to nobody else around there."

"My stars, his footprint! What does it look like? Is it long or short, or how? Did you get a plaster-cast of it? But of course you did . . . you're an investigator. You bring it over. I want to look at it. Where have you got it?"

"Ahem, I'm keepin' it locked up in a

safe-deposit vault," I replies, beginnin' to wish I hadn't started this yarn.

"But I want to see it!" insists Blennerkem. "You're doing fine, Sammy. You know, I was going to talk to you about getting an assistant on this case. I have a—"

"No assistants!" I says promptly, sittin' up. "If I got to have an assistant, I quit. A dumb assistant would only spill the beans. I'll get hold of Hankins for you yet. You just take care of my expenses, old dogbeak!"

"But these damned expenses'll ruin me!" wails the tube emperor, shovin' on a button which brings his office boy. "Cashier—check book. This hulking Hankins!"

WHEN I gets back to my hangout over across the bay, that afternoon, an' lets myself into the Grouchy Gopher's hole. I finds him head over heels in invoices, an' snarlin' like a wolf.

"When I used to work for a real tube-bootlegger in Newark, I wasn't ground to death, like this!" he snaps at me. "Dumb McGurk has been playin' th' Sleepin' Plumber all morning—hasn't done a tap. And no wonder, neither! Just go an' see what's waitin' out there in the packing room! Just go an' look! But if it wants a job, don't you dare hire it! Umph! I don't want it here! Umph! I can do my work, myself. Go an' look!"

Peekin' cautiously out into the packin' room through a little slidin' shutter in th' wall, I gets an awful jolt. On a dusty box, opposite dopey-lookin' Dumb McGurk, is sittin' th' peachiest little black-haired cutie that ever wore a bobolink dress. Her lips is a waterproof strawberry red, an' she has on lavender silk stream-line hosiery of th' kind you love to—er, I'm mixed up with th' face soap ad, now, I guess.

Real mystified-like, I steps out into the packing room. Instantly, she eats me all up, with her big brown cuddly eyes, an' then says, in a low mockingbird voice,—

"Oh! Are you Mr. Hankins, sir?"

"Yes—er, that is, I'm th' detective that's lookin' fer him," I replies, kind of floored-like. "I just help out around here some times; dust things off a little an' so on—"

"Hey—remember I'm the janitor of this joint!" I hears the Grouchy Gopher hissing from th' other side of th' door, behind me. "Don't you crab my act, you sap!"

"Why," says Cuddle-up, kind of brisk-like. "I've come to work here as a typist. Mr. Hankins has given me a job."

"Th' hell he—er, why, what—" I sputters, clean flabbergasted.

"Psst! Say, if you drew her from an employment office by telephone, you've

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# Remote Control By Radio

A Detailed Description of a Receiver Which is Controlled by a Distant Transmitter So As to Operate a Large Transmitter

By G. F. Lampkin

TO the many thrills that come to an amateur in short-wave work may be added another, when he hears a transmitter some half dozen miles away start up, follow his keying, and stop when he stops. And though the object in making an outfit that will do this is not especially to get a thrill, still one gets quite a kick when the thing is working, and it makes a nice tale to tell.

In this particular instance there was a 40-meter, 400-watt, crystal-controlled transmitter at 8CAU; and there seemed no use in building up something as good at 8ALK, especially as the tubes, condensers, antenna system, and a few other items were not to be had at the latter station. The idea was, then, to put 10 or 15 watts into the antenna at 8ALK, send it through a control receiver at 8CAU, and there have it operate relays for controlling the large transmitter.

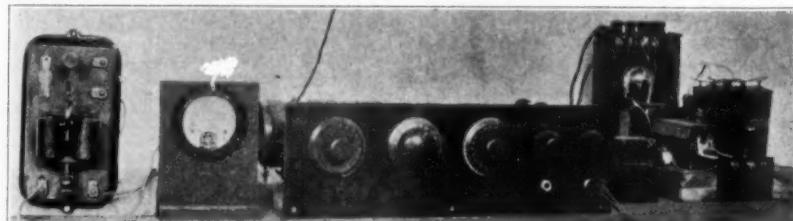
The purpose at the control receiver is to obtain the maximum change in direct current with a given signal input—this d. c. change to be used to operate a relay. The methods of doing it are almost as numerous as there are kinds of receivers. The most straightforward way would be to rectify the signal at the detector, and amplify this change in current by a "d. c." amplifier. But the *B* battery expense would be prohibitive.

The next best thing would seem to be an ordinary amateur receiver, autodyne detector, and audio-frequency amplifier, with rectification of the audio frequency in the last stage. The set need not be

elaborate, for neither sensitivity to weak signals nor quality of amplification are important. The wave on which the receiver should work can be settled when it is remembered how the locals used to

150-200 meter band. The wavelength used by the control transmitter and receiver was, therefore, 150 meters.

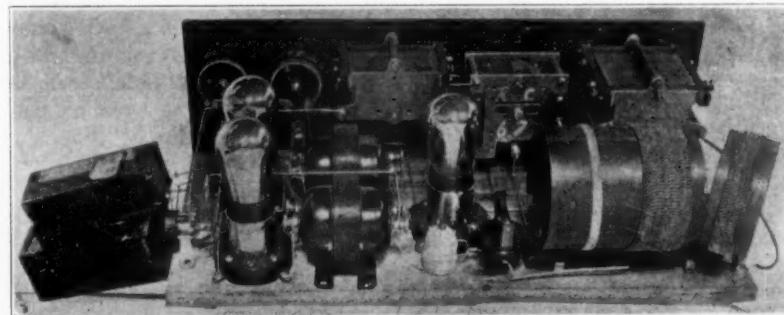
The circuit for the remote-control receiver is shown in Fig. 1. The dimen-



Control Receiver Layout—left to right—Bunnell Relay, Milliammeter, Receiver, "B" Eliminator

pound in on the 150-200 meter band; how the short-distance skip effects are present on the shorter waves; that the wider the gap between the control-receiver wave and the controlled-transmit-

sions of the parts are given for reference. The plate supply was taken from a *B* eliminator, and the amplifier filaments were lighted directly by a. c. This left only the detector *A* battery to be



Rear View of Remote Control Receiver

ter wave, the better; and finally, how little interference is experienced on the long-wave band. Locally, at least, the 5- and the 3-4- meter bands are the only ones that are freer from QRM than the

bothered with. The picture of the receiver shows a 201-A in the detector socket; but a UX-199 was used, and the receiver could run for weeks without attention. There was some hum present,

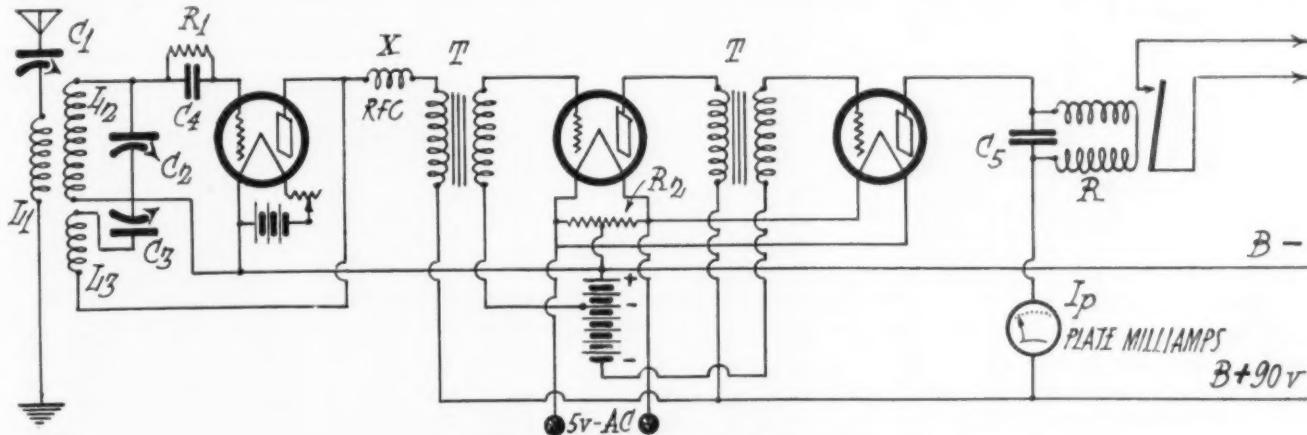


Fig. 1. Circuit for Remote Control Receiver

$C_1$ —.001 mfd.  
 $C_2$ —.00025 mfd.  
 $C_3$ —.0005 mfd.  
 $C_4$ —.0005 mfd. fixed.

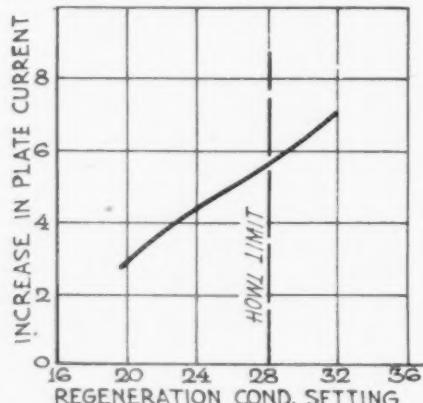
$R_1$ —10 ohms.  
 $R_2$ —400 ohm pot.  
 $L_1$ —10 turns No. 18,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. diam.  
 $L_2$ —10 turns No. 18,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. diam.  
 $L_3$ —11 turns No. 22,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. diam.

$T$ —UV-712 transformer.  
 $R$ —2500 ohm relay.  
 $B$ —  
 $I_p$  PLATE MILLIAMPS  
 $B+90V$

due to the a. c. filament supply, but not enough to affect the operation of the relay in the receiver output.

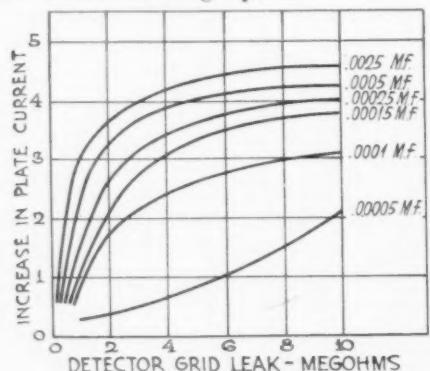
In adjusting the receiver to obtain maximum change in the d. c. output, a heterodyne wavemeter was placed near and used as a miniature transmitter. The bias on the last audio-frequency amplifier, or rather rectifier, tube, was increased almost to the cut-off point—that is, till only about 0.1 m. a. plate current was flowing. Then the regeneration condenser was increased a few degrees at a time, and at each point the receiver was tuned through the transmitter wave and the maximum deflection on the plate-current meter read.

The results, shown on Curve No. 1, indicate that the stronger the local oscil-



Curve No. 1. Receiver Output vs. Regeneration

lations, the louder the beat note, and consequently the greater the rectified current. However, if the regeneration condenser was turned up too high, the set would howl, and would not stop until the condenser was backed off considerably. It would be fatal for the set to howl when hooked up with the relay system, for the transmitter would be started up and the key held down, until a trip was made to shut the thing off. The dashed line shows the lower limit of condenser setting at which the receiver howled; in all later tests, the regeneration condenser was turned up till the set howled and then backed off until it ceased, to make sure that the setting was below the danger point.

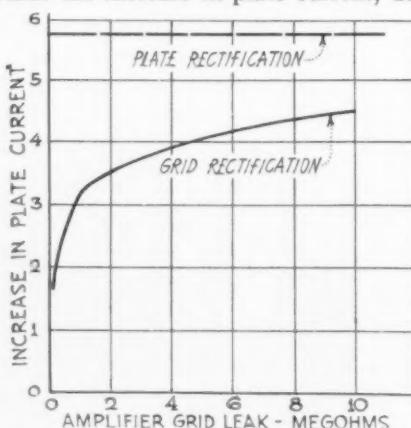


Curve No. 2. Receiver Output vs. Grid Condenser and Leak

Curve No. 2 shows how the size of grid condenser and leak for the detector were chosen. The grid leak was varied

from .5 to 10 megohms, for each size of grid condenser. Obviously, the 10-megohm leak was best, and in the receiver this size was used, with a Sango .0005 fixed condenser.

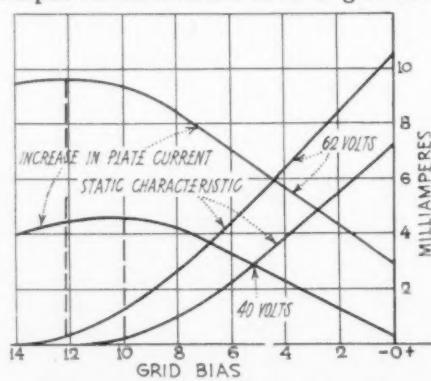
Curve No. 3 shows that it is best to work the last tube, the rectifier, just slightly above the cut-off point, to get maximum d. c. change. The grid bias on this tube was varied, and for each value the increase in plate current, due



Curve No. 3. Remote Control Receiver Plate Rectification

to tuning through the signal, was noted. This was done for plate voltages of 40 and 62. The curves show the increase for different biases; when compared with the static characteristics, they show that it is best to increase the bias till only a tenth or so of a millampere is flowing—in other words, to work at the point of greater curvature of the characteristic.

Theoretically, rectification of the audio frequency with a grid condenser and leak should give greater change in plate current than plate rectification, for the input is first rectified at the grid and then amplified in passing through the tube. Curve No. 4 indicates that such was not true, in the present case. The size of the grid condenser had practically no effect on the output; with a condenser of .002 mfd. capacity, the output varied with the value of grid leak

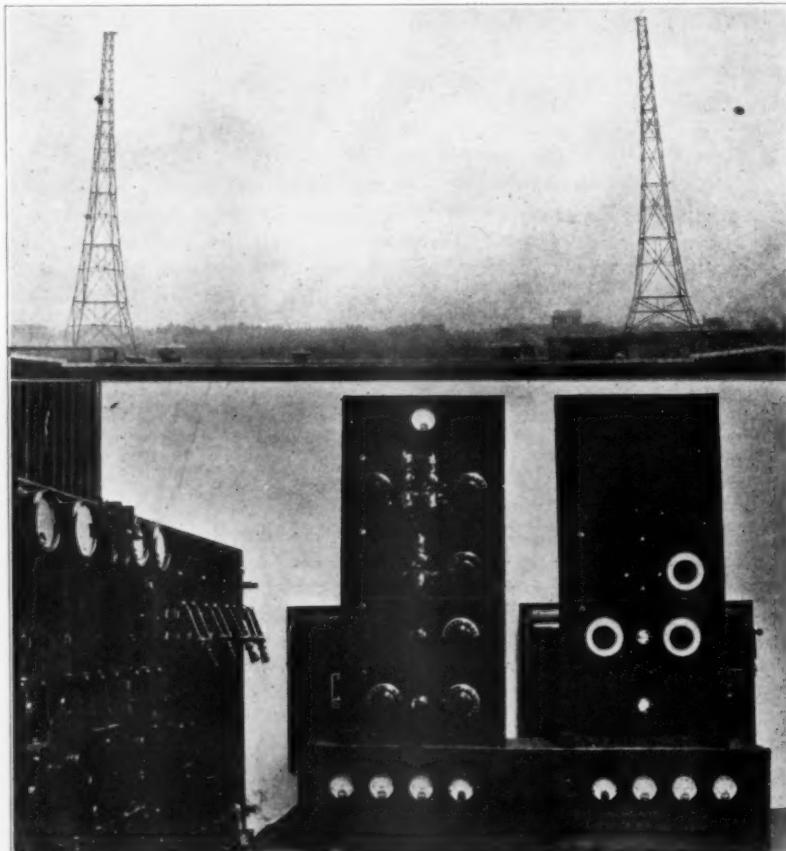


Curve No. 4. Comparison of Plate and Grid Rectification

as shown. But it did not come near the output obtained by plate rectification, with the same signal input. The latter output is indicated by the dashed horizontal line.

The output obtained at the receiver from the signals of 8ALK, 4.5 miles away, was 7.5 milliamperes. This output was used to operate a Bunnel, 2500 ohm, gooseneck relay. The latter is

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Radio Station 8CAU

# A Selective R. F. Amplifier Tuner

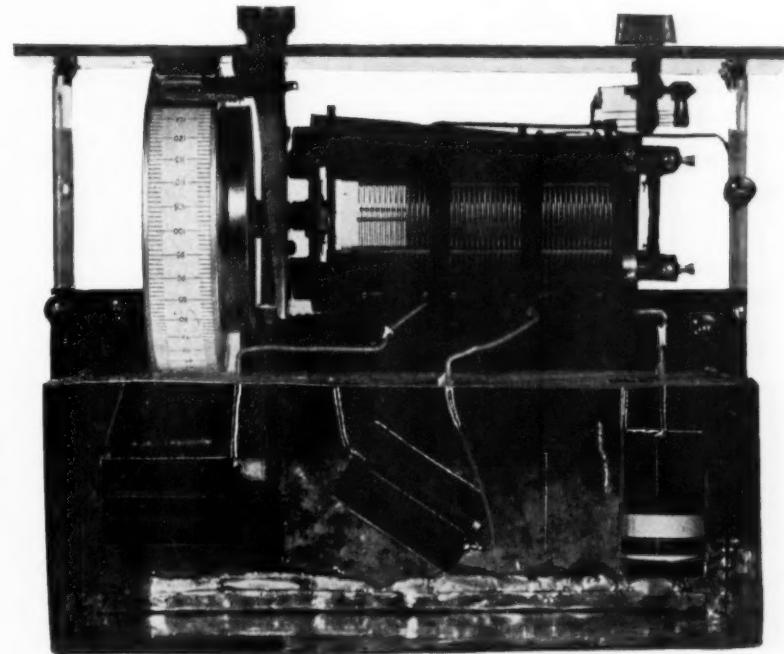
Details Concerning the Construction of a Selective Antenna Coupler  
For a Superheterodyne

By G. M. Best

THE recent revival of an old method of tuning a multi-stage r. f. amplifier has aroused considerable interest. Ordinarily the tubes are placed between the tuned secondary and untuned primary of two r. f. transformers, tuning being accomplished with variable condensers. When from two to four stages of tuned r. f. amplification are employed, difficulty is experienced from coupling between the transformers and from oscillation caused by unbalanced tube capacities.

This difficulty has been met by several manufacturers who are using a separate tuner ahead of a series of impedance coupled tubes in an r. f. amplifier. It is thus possible with four tubes to secure a selectivity and sensitivity equal to that ordinarily secured with three stages of tuned r. f., and without the usual trouble of neutralization and coupling.

While this application may not appeal to the average experimenter who is able to prevent oscillations, it is of especial value in improving the selectivity of any superheterodyne receiver operated from an outdoor antenna. The model shown in the picture was designed for this purpose, and when used in place of a loop antenna, with a conventional type of 8 tube superheterodyne, the selectivity was increased to a remarkable degree, while the sensitivity was in no way impaired. This will make the new tuner of great value in congested localities where the problem of cutting out the locals and getting distant stations is paramount at the present time with superheterodyne owners, who often find that due to the particular intermediate frequency they are employing, interference is had between stations on the oscillator dial. The only satisfactory way to cure this trouble is to make that part of the circuit ahead of the first detector more selective, and usually a stage or more of tuned r. f. is



Complete Three Circuit Tuner Assembly

installed to accomplish the desired result.

Fig. 1 and the picture of the tuner show the principle of the circuit quite clearly. It consists of three inductances of identical dimensions, wound on 1% in. tubing, with 107 turns of No. 27 enameled wire, each coil being tuned by a .00035 mfd. variable condenser. The antenna is coupled to the first coil by an aperiodic winding, which consists of 15 turns of No. 27 enameled wire wound over the 107 turn coil, at one end. The tubing supporting the coil is mounted inside the shield in such a position so that the axis of the coil is vertical with respect to the front panel. The second tuned circuit is placed approximately 4 in. from the antenna coil, with the axis at an angle of 45 degrees with respect to the first coil. The third tuned circuit, which is at 45 degrees angle with respect to the second circuit, is thus at right angles with respect to the antenna coil. Hence, when all three tuned circuits are adjusted to identically the same wavelength, energy from the antenna coil is transferred to the secondary of the first tuned circuit, is then absorbed by the center tuned circuit, and finally absorbed by the third tuned circuit. Naturally, a part of the original energy from the antenna is lost in this transfer. But the combination of the three circuits, the center one being

the intermediate or transfer circuit, produces a resultant selectivity far beyond that obtainable with the ordinary antenna tuner.

The input to the first detector of the superheterodyne, with which the tuner is to be used, is connected across the terminals of the third tuned circuit. This changes the tuning curve of the third coil somewhat, due to the grid-filament capacity of the first detector tube, but this can be compensated for by means of a trimmer condenser associated with the tuning condenser used across this coil. In the new factory built receivers employing this circuit, the third coil has an output winding placed inside the tuned winding, so that it is in effect a tuned r. f. transformer with the primary winding tuned, and the secondary aperiodic, just the reverse of customary practice. The extra output winding may be used, but is not absolutely necessary in the case of the superheterodyne.

In constructing an experimental tuner, a Remler three gang condenser, with drum dial, was mounted on a bakelite panel 7x12x3/16 in., and the three inductance coils were placed in a metal box 11 in. long, 5 in. high, 4 in. wide, in back of the condenser. This box can be made from aluminum, copper or tin plate. The connecting leads from the

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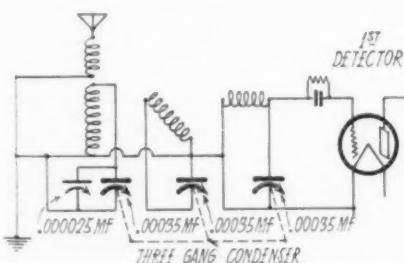


Fig. 1. Circuit and Placement of Coils

# The Improved Impedance Equalized Receiver

Whereby Better Quality and Volume Are Secured With High Mu Tubes  
and "Motor-Boating" is Eliminated by a Filter System

By Francis Churchill

THE r. f. amplification of the impedance equalized receiver described in August RADIO is considerably increased by using high mu tubes as r. f. amplifiers. In this circuit the high mu tubes give more gain with far less regeneration than when the 201A type tubes are used. Consequently the quality is much better, as the actual curves of performance show that there is very much less cut-off on the high frequencies when using the new arrangement.

Since high mu tubes were to be used in the r. f. amplifier and detector, they were used throughout, except for a power tube in the last stage. All C batteries are eliminated and only one B battery voltage is used in order to simplify battery connections. The C battery bias is obtained for each of the high mu tubes through the 1 volt drop in the Amperite filament resistances, and the bias for the power tube obtained from the plate current drop through a series resistance. This resistance is a heavy-duty Centralab variable up to 2000 ohms, so either a 112 or 171, preferably the latter, can be used by simply varying the resistance. Since this resistance  $R_s$  in Fig. 1 is in the common battery lead, it provides a coupling to the preceding tubes so the chances of "motor-boating" are excellent unless precautions are taken.

Most resistance coupled audio amplifiers will howl or "motor-boat" if the B batteries are old or if a B eliminator is used. In order to eliminate two resistance filters, a grid choke instead of leak used in the last stage, and several bypass condensers were used to advantage. The amplifier as shown in Fig. 1 can be

used with any B eliminator that will deliver the required voltage and current. In fact a variable resistance can be inserted in the positive B battery lead and any value of resistance tried, with the same result no motor-boating or howling. Try that on any other type of resistance or impedance coupled audio amplifier and watch it start to "thump." Nor will most transformer coupled sets pass this test.

The two resistance filters consist of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in Fig. 1 and the two condensers  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are 50,000 ohm grid leaks (metallized) and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , 1 and 4 mfd. bypass condensers respectively. The purpose of these filters is to reduce the common plate battery impedance coupling which would provide an undesired feedback voltage. The value of 50,000 ohms is sufficient to work properly and yet does not drop the impressed plate voltages too much. The use of these two filters makes it possible to use the power tube biasing resistance  $R_s$  and so eliminate the usual C battery.

The use of a grid choke instead of a grid leak in the last stage is desirable in order that any plate overload in this tube will not cause the tube to block and start to motor-boat. If the grid does start to swing slightly positive and so take current, an AF choke allows this without the usual audible distortion which would result with a grid resistance. A good audio transformer makes an ideal choke for this purpose since the primary and secondary can be connected in series and so an extremely high impedance results. It will ordinarily be found that the posts marked P and —F should be strapped together in order to

obtain a series aiding arrangement in most audio transformers.

The panel and baseboard layout are nearly the same as in the original receiver so no details are given here. Nearly any arrangement is satisfactory so long as the input and output leads of the AF amplifier are well separated in order to eliminate feed-back.

This audio amplifier gives exceptionally good reproduction, better than the most expensive transformer coupled set. It is only down about 4 or 5 TU between 1000 and 30 cycles which is quite remarkable for a three step amplifier.

The r. f. amplifier does not cut off the higher audio frequencies unless the phase controlling condensers  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  are turned up quite high so that the amplifier is nearly oscillating. This condition gives greater sensitivity but poorer quality.

Actual measurements when using high mu tubes showed a gain of 43 TU in the r. f. amplifier, two stages, as against 26 TU when using 201A tubes with the maximum amount of regeneration allowable with excellent quality. These figures show that the high mu tubes in two stages give more gain than would three stages of the 201A type tubes.

Tuning the antenna circuit, as an experiment, increased the gain between 5 and 10 TU depending on the size and resistance of the antenna system used. This adds a third control and is not recommended except for the super-dx fiend who will do anything to get a few hundred additional miles.

The adjustments of the phase controlling condensers  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ , and the impedance condensers  $C_5$  and  $C_6$  are the same as when 201A tubes are used.

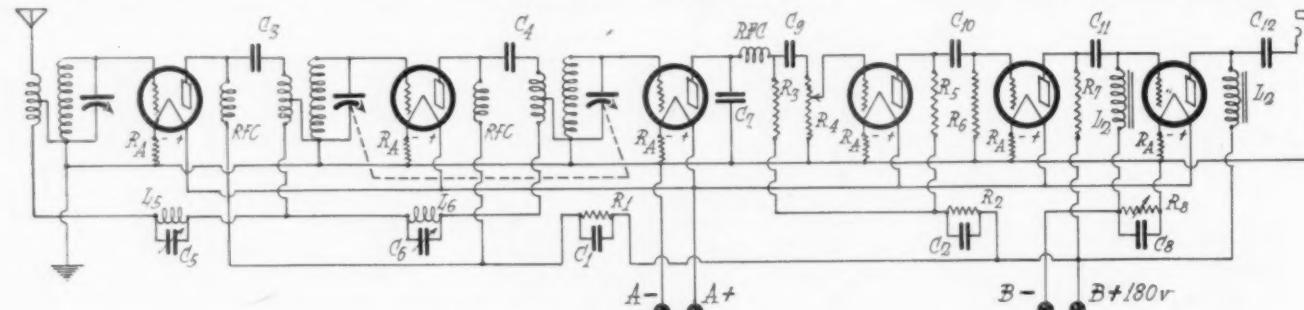


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Improved Impedance Equalized Receiver.

$R_1$ —50,000 ohm leak.  
 $R_2$ —50,000 ohm leak.  
 $R_3$ — $\frac{1}{2}$  megohm leak.  
 $R_4$ —0-500,000 ohm variable resistance and filament switch.  
 $R_5$ — $\frac{1}{4}$  megohm leak.  
 $R_6$ —2 megohm leak.

$R_7$ — $\frac{1}{4}$  megohm leak.  
 $R_8$ —0-2000 ohm variable resistance.  
 $L_1$ —a. f. trans. pri. and sec. in series.  
 $L_2$ —30 henry choke.  
 $C_1$ —1 mfd.  
 $C_2$ ,  $C_4$ —4 mfd.

$C_3$ ,  $C_5$ —.001 max. XL variodenser.  
 $C_6$ ,  $C_8$ —.0005 max. XL variodenser.  
 $C_7$ —.0001 mfd. by-pass.  
 $C_9$ — $\frac{1}{2}$  mfd.  
 $C_{10}$ —.1 mfd.  
 $C_{11}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$  mfd.  
 $C_{12}$ —2 mfd.

# Experimental Shop Practice

## Simple Methods For Measuring Resistance, Capacitance and Inductance

By Samuel G. McMeen

**R**ESISTANCE, voltage, current, inductance and capacitance are the five principal things one needs to know in terms of their respective units when dealing with electrical problems. Let us give first attention to the measurement of resistance by means of meters, as distinguished from the Wheatstone bridge method described in an earlier article.

Put the resistance whose value is to be learned in series with an ammeter and a battery, choosing the latter carefully so that the current will be within the range of the scale of the ammeter, and at the same time will not burn the resistance. Start with a single cell and only a momentary contact. Then put a voltmeter in shunt with the resistance. Read both instruments. Divide the volts by the amperes and you have the resistance in ohms.

In case the resistance is high, a milliammeter may have to be used, which makes only the difference that one must remember in calculating to express the milliammeter reading as thousandths of an ampere.

What we have done is to determine resistance by Ohm's law, which says that the volts (the cause of current), divided by the amperes (the amount of current) gives the ohms (the resistance that limited the current).

An equation of three quantities can be put into three forms, and these three forms of Ohm's law may well be memorized, to save the delay of recasting the first one into the other types when needed:

$$\text{Volts} \quad \text{Ampers times Ohms} = \text{Volts}$$
$$\text{Ohms} = \frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Ampers}}$$

$$\text{Ampers} = \frac{\text{Volts}}{\text{Ohms}}$$

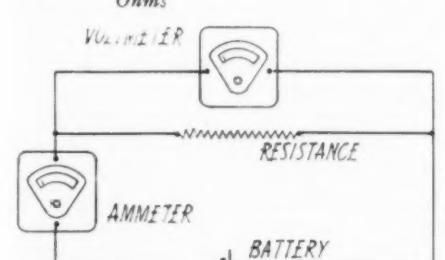


Fig. 1. Measuring Resistance with Voltmeter and Ammeter

In the circuit shown in Fig. 1, the current read by the ammeter is that which passes through the resistance plus that passing through the voltmeter, but the latter is usually very small. For example, with a voltmeter of 10,000 ohms

resistance and a voltage of two volts, the excess ampere-reading would be a fifth of a milliampere, a quantity not readable on the scale of an ammeter and only just readable on the scale of a milliammeter. However, if one wishes to go all the way toward getting the iron-clad facts, he may disconnect the voltmeter at one side while reading the amperes. This will eliminate even the microscopic error just mentioned.

Thus in two readings and one slight calculation we have learned voltage, current and resistance. There remains capacitance and inductance. Let us consider the former.

**C**ONNECT a galvanometer, a key, a battery and a condenser of known value as shown in Fig. 2. The key shall be one having a normally

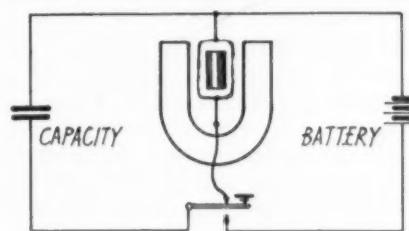


Fig. 2. Measuring Capacitance with Galvanometer

closed and a normally open contact. When the key is pressed the galvanometer is disconnected on one side and the battery and condenser are connected in a simple circuit, thus charging the condenser to the voltage of the battery. Now release the key. The battery is thus disconnected and the galvanometer placed directly across the terminals of the condenser, allowing the latter to discharge through the galvanometer coil, giving a deflection. Read this and record it.

Now substitute the condenser to be tested for that first used, of which the value was known. Charge and discharge as before, again noting the deflection. Then the four things—two values and two deflections—form a proportion, thus: Known capacitance is to desired capacitance as deflection from known condenser is to deflection from unknown condenser. Expressed as an equation it is, where  $A$  is the known capacitance,  $X$  the unknown, and  $B$  and  $C$  are the deflections from known and unknown respectively:

$$A : X = B : C \text{ or } X = AC \div B$$

Therefore we have only to multiply together  $A$  and  $C$  and divide by  $B$  to get  $X$ . That is, multiply together the unknown deflection and the known capaci-

tance and divide by the known deflection, getting the desired capacitance.

How many cells of battery to use will depend on the size of the condensers. Use a small battery as a test, the requirements merely being that the charge given to the condenser, known or unknown, shall be such as to give a deflection that will stay on scale of the galvanometer.

**I**NDUCTANCE measurements are as simple as the first-described measurement for the determination of resistance, but the calculation is a trifle longer. It involves only arithmetic, however.

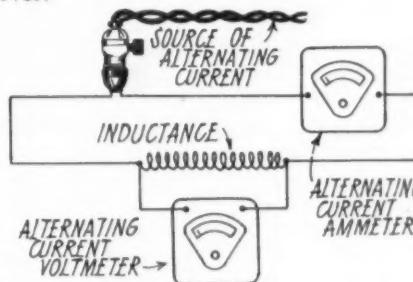


Fig. 3. Measuring Inductance with Voltmeter and Ammeter

Fig. 3 shows the connections of an alternating current voltmeter and ammeter, to measure the impedance of the inductance coil under test. The voltage is supplied from an alternating current source of known frequency. Let us assume that it is 60 cycles. If the voltage is known, the voltmeter need not be used at all. Divide the volts reading by the amperes reading to get the ohms of impedance. Then determine the resistance of the coil by the method shown in Fig. 1 and first described herein. Square the impedance. Square the resistance. Subtract the squared resistance from the squared impedance. Extract the square root of the quantity left after the subtraction. You now have the reactance.

To get the inductance, divide this reactance by the product of 2 times 3.1416 times the frequency. The result is the inductance in henrys. If the frequency is 60 cycles, as assumed, then the last-mentioned divisor is 377, and will always remain so with the frequency.

The measurement of high resistances, say of the order 1 megohm (a million ohms) or more, requires a method different from that first described herein, and different from the Wheatstone bridge method, for the reason that in the case of the latter the ratio between the two portions of the bridge is so great that it is difficult to get certain evidence

when the null point, or point of no deflection, has been reached. The voltmeter-ammeter method is unsuitable for such high resistances for the reason that it is difficult to get a suitable deflection on the ammeter through such a high value.

Fortunately, however, there is a method that fits the case. It is a method of direct comparison. The connections for it are shown in Fig. 4. The galvanometer is provided, as shown, with three resistances, either one of which can be put in shunt with the galvanometer coil.

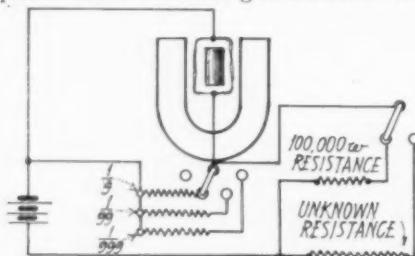


Fig. 4. Measuring High Resistances

These resistances are respectively  $1/9$ ,  $1/99$  and  $1/999$  of the resistance of the galvanometer coil. Then, if the  $1/9$  shunt is used, only  $1/10$  of the current that issues from the battery will pass through the galvanometer; with the  $1/99$  shunt,  $1/100$ , and with the  $1/999$  shunt,  $1/1000$ . Therefore the readings will be either  $1/10$ ,  $1/100$  or  $1/1000$  of the reading without any shunt at all.

There is also provided another resistance, shown in the drawing as being 100,000 ohms, or tenth of a megohm. It can have any high value, but a tenth of a megohm costs enough and does well. Connect it at the switch so that it will be in series with the battery and the shunted galvanometer, and read the deflection given with, say the  $1/99$  shunt. Let us assume that the deflection is 120 scale divisions. Remembering that the  $1/99$  shunt allows only  $1/100$  of the current from the battery to go through the galvanometer, this is equivalent to a deflection of 12,000 scale divisions without a shunt. Now since this is the result through a tenth of a megohm, it would have been one-tenth as much through a whole megohm, or 1200 scale divisions. This 1200 is the galvanometer's constant.

Let us stop and sum all this into a rule of action: *Read the deflection through the standard resistance, with the necessary shunt; multiply the reading by the power of the shunt, (10, 100 or 1000), and also multiply by the fraction of a megohm in the standard resistance.* The result is the constant of the galvanometer, and we are ready to make the final determination.

To do this last step, move the shunt switch to the dead point, so that there will be no shunt on the galvanometer. Move the other switch so that the unknown resistance is in the galvanometer circuit. Record the reading. *Divide the*

*constant by it* and you have the resistance of the previously unknown coil or object or line.

In case the resistance is not high enough to keep the last mentioned deflection on the scale, use a shunt and use its multiplying power as above indicated to get the equivalent no-shunt reading for the last-given rule.

The classes of work to which the foregoing method is particularly applicable in radio work are the measurement of the resistances of grid leaks, the insulation of antennas, and the insulation of the parts of sets from each other. It is possible to make very effective variable grid leaks by providing a plurality of conducting paths of cardboard soaked in liquid India ink and dried, and made selectable by a switch arm. It is also the method by which the insulation resistance of deep-sea cables is measured. As will be seen from the foregoing, it is adapted to resistances running into the hundreds of megohms if required.

## RADIO GUIDANCE FOR AIR PLANES

Development of a radio guiding channel which will enable aviators to keep on a definite course, irrespective of weather or topographical conditions, has been announced by C. Francis Jenkins, of Washington, D. C., as the fourth of a series of inventions which he has recently evolved for the improvement of aviation conditions. The invention is receiving the consideration of some of the leading commercial aviation executives in the country preliminary to the adoption of the plan.

The radio guiding channel is brought about through the installation of a series of radio transmitting stations at intervals of 25 miles over any given course. These make use of short wave lengths. By the use of vertical antenna, of a height and separation bringing them one-half a wave length apart, the waves are radiated in one direction. The use of the short wave length limits the waves radiated by one station to approximately forty miles. The location of the stations causes this directional radiation of waves to overlay somewhat.

The airplane traversing this route is equipped with a simple receiving device which uses the power from this radio-energized channel to light a small indicator lamp on the instrument board of the plane. The aviator, by noting the intensity of this lamp, can tell at once when he is not keeping in the channel, for as he gets off the course, the light from the little bulb becomes dimmer. As he returns to the course, the light becomes brighter.

The constant transmission of radio waves from these stations along the radio channel makes it unnecessary for

the airman to even know the course which he is flying, it is stated.

"The radio guiding channel," Mr. Jenkins explained, "is especially suited to commercial or government uses, such as the air mail, where flying must go on through rain, fog, snow and sleet. The present system of beacon lights along the air mail courses serve their purpose well for night flying in clear weather, but when storms come or fog lowers, these are blotted out to a large degree. Then is when the radio channel guide will be most helpful."

Mr. Jenkins declared that the transmitting stations of his radio channel guiding system could be installed at a cost of about \$250 each, and that they could be located at the same points as the present light beacons, where they could be cared for by the same forces as now care for the beacon lights. The beacon light towers, he said, could also be used for the antennae supports.

"The advantages of this radio guiding channel," Mr. Jenkins said, "include the ability to change the direction of the course, so as to take the airplane through mountain passes or other rough ground."

"Another important advantage is that the channel will serve many planes traveling at the same time. Planes going East, for instance, can fly at 2,000 ft. and planes going West at 3,000. Along with this is the simplicity and automatic character of the transmitting and receiving devices."

"This might be compared with the submarine cable which is used to guide ships coming into New York in a fog, through the use of which ship officers are able to determine whether they are in the proper channel. The great difference is that we do not have to have a cable with its expensive initial cost and right of way. Another difference is that the distance from the ship to the cable is far less than that of the plane from the ground, making the radio channel the better for guiding airplanes."

"The area covered by the radio waves is sufficiently high that the aviator may fly far above buildings, hills and trees which might cause them to crash."

The other devices Mr. Jenkins has recently patented for the improvement of aeronautics include a launching runway which will enable a plane to get into the air in a second's time; a propeller-reversing device which permits a plane to be stopped in twice its own length on landing; and a landing altimeter, which will keep an aviator constantly informed as to the distance of his ship from the ground in gliding to a landing when weather conditions would prevent him from seeing the landing field.

Mr. Jenkins is both an experienced airplane pilot and a radio engineer of recognized ability.

# Practical Wavemeter For the B. C. L.

A Simple Instrument For Bringing Tuned Circuits Into Resonance and For Measuring Inductance and Capacity

By B. F. Mc Namee

ANY radio builder can easily construct an inexpensive portable wavemeter whereby the several tuned circuits of a single-control receiver can be brought into resonance for all dial settings. It will also measure inductance and capacity almost as accurately as a much more elaborate instrument. Its construction involves merely the assembly of the several parts listed herewith as shown by the circuit

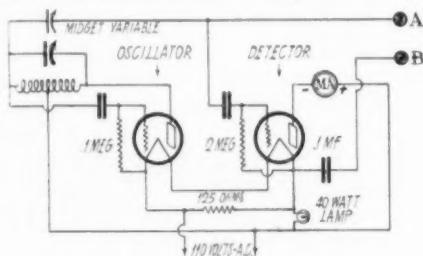


Fig. 1. Circuit Diagram of Wavemeter

diagram in Fig. 1. The arrangement of parts is not important. Filament and plate current is obtained from the a. c. lighting circuit, although batteries can be used if wanted.

The .00035 mfd. condenser should be of rugged construction with rigid plates and without play in the bearings so that its capacity will always be the same for any setting. A large dial is important and a vernier control desirable. The .00003 mfd. variable condenser is of the "Midget" type.

The coil may be wound on any size tubing and with almost any size wire at hand. Bakelite tubing should be used, and the winding center-tapped. Sufficient turns are used to cover the broadcast band with the condenser. The writer used 70 turns of No. 28 D. C. C. copper on a tube  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. in diameter. The completed coil should be painted with lacquer or collodion to hold the wire firmly in place.

It is unfortunate that there is no standard commercial electric light bulb which will pass exactly  $\frac{1}{4}$  ampere for lighting the filaments of the vacuum tubes. A 60-watt lamp would supply approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  ampere for the two filaments in parallel, but this is a dangerous method because if one tube is taken out of its socket or if it burns out, the other tube will take all the current. For this reason the filaments are connected in series, and the current supplied through a 40-watt lamp, which passes about .33 ampere, and the excess current is shunted around the filaments through a 125-ohm fixed re-

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| 1 | Meter, 0-5 Milliamperes.                                     |
| 1 | .00035 Mfd. Variable Condenser with Dial.                    |
| 1 | .00003 Mfd. Variable Condenser with Pointer or Small Dial.   |
| 1 | Coil, 70 Turns No. 28 D. C. C. on $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. Tubing. |
| 2 | Vacuum Tube Sockets with 201-A Tubes.                        |
| 1 | Porcelain Lamp Socket with 40 Watt, 115 V. Mazda Lamp.       |
| 1 | Fixed Resistance, 125 Ohms.                                  |
| 2 | Fixed Grid Condensers, .00025 Mfd.                           |
| 1 | Fixed Condenser, .1 Mfd.                                     |
| 2 | Grid Leak Mounts.  |
| 1 | Grid Leak, .1 Megohm.  |
| 1 | Grid Leak, 2 Megohms.  |
| 2 | Binding Posts, ("A" and "B" in diagram).                     |
|   | Suitable Case and Panel.                                     |

sistance. Another combination which will supply the correct current to the filaments is to use a 50-watt lamp and a fixed resistance of 65 ohms. Make sure that the fixed resistance is securely connected to the proper socket terminals before inserting the vacuum tubes.

When all connected up, it should be placed near a receiving set, tuned to some broadcast station whose wavelength is known. Then turn the wavemeter dial until a heterodyne whistle is heard, and set it as accurately as possible on zero-beat or the dead spot between the two heterodyne whistles. This whistle will be accompanied by a loud 60-cycle note, due to the A. C. plate supply on the oscillator. Make a note of the wavemeter dial setting and the wavelength of the broadcast station. Repeat this on as many stations as possible, and then draw a wavelength curve on cross-section paper.

It is possible to check the accuracy of several points on the curve by means of harmonics. Tune in on the receiving set any station below 275 meters wavelength. Heterodyne this station with the oscillator, just as when making the calibration. Let us say that the wavemeter shows the station to be operating on 209 meters. Then turn the wavemeter dial to 418 meters, and a heterodyne whistle should again be heard, somewhat fainter than the first one. This is because the oscillating circuit, when set at 418 meters, has a harmonic at exactly half that wavelength, or 209 meters. If this does not work out exactly, it indicates that either the upper or the lower point of the wavemeter is out somewhat.

To test a single-control receiver for resonance, set its control at any point of the scale, and remove the tubes. The batteries may be left connected, although this usually makes no difference. Place the wavemeter close to the set, and connect a wire from the negative A

terminal on the set to the binding post B shown on the meter diagram. Connect another lead from the wavemeter post A to the plate of the last R. F. tube (next to the detector).

This practically connects the plate coil, or transformer primary, to points A and B. (The path is completed through the by-pass condenser in the receiver.) As long as the secondary is not tuned to the wavemeter oscillator, the primary coil nearly short-circuits the grid and filament of the detector tube in the wavemeter, and the milliammeter reads high. When the secondary is tuned to the oscillator, a high R. F. voltage exists across the primary coil, which is applied to the detector grid, causing a drop in its plate current.

Set the midget variable condenser at maximum. Rotate the wavemeter dial slowly until a sharp deflection downwards is noted on the milliammeter. Now set the midget at the lowest capacity which will give a good sharp deflection that is easily seen. Now note the exact setting of the receiver dial.

Without disturbing the wavemeter, remove the lead from the plate of the last R. F. tube to the plate of the preceding one. Again rotate the receiver dial for maximum deflection, which should occur at exactly the same setting. If it does not, the tuned circuits following these two tubes are not in resonance. The one which requires the higher setting of the receiver dial has either lower inductance or lower capacity (or both) than the other.

The first tuned circuit is measured by putting the lead from post A on the antenna terminal of the receiver. It is usually unnecessary to move the other wire to the ground terminal, as the latter is connected to negative A in most receivers. If the above test is made every 15 or 20 divisions over the dial, and resonance is indicated in every case, the receiver may be assumed to be in resonance at every point.

If the receiver is found to be out of resonance, it may be due to unmatched variable condensers, unequal inductances or unequal minimum capacities.

First examine the variable condensers to make certain that they reach maximum at the same time. If not, it is usually possible to loosen the coupling between the rotors and reset them so that all rotor plates emerge from the stator plates at exactly the same time.

To determine whether the induct-

ances are equal, set the receiver condensers at minimum. This leaves the combined tuning effect of the inductances and the minimum capacities. Now take a small fixed condenser (preferably one of the mica-moulded-in-bakelite type) of about 300 micromicrofarads capacity, and connect it by means of very short leads to the stator and rotor of one of the variable condensers in the set. This can be done with spring clips, and leads about 2 in. long. See that the fixed condenser does not rest on the stator or rotor plates, or on any conductor. Tune the wavemeter for maximum deflection, as before. Then move the fixed condenser to the next variable condenser, and also move the plate lead. The deflection should come at the same point. A higher setting of the wavemeter means a higher inductance. The simplest way to correct unequal inductances is to find the lowest one, and then bring the others down to the same reading by taking off turns from the grid end.

This method of balancing the inductances practically eliminates the error due to variation in the minimum capacities. The minimum capacity of a circuit is the sum of the minimum capacity of the condenser, the capacity between leads, the distributed capacity of the coil, and the effective capacity between the primary and secondary windings. It also includes the tube capacity, but this is very nearly equal in each case, and is omitted in the measurements for convenience. A variation of only a few micromicrofarads in minimum capacities will cause a large difference in tuning of the circuits when the dial is at zero, because here the difference is a large percentage of the total capacity. By adding the fixed condenser to each circuit, this difference becomes a very small percentage of the total, so that for practical purposes we can assume the capacities equal, the condition necessary for balancing the inductances.

Now remove the fixed condenser, and leave the receiver dial at zero. If the circuits do not tune to the same wavelength now, it is due to a difference in minimum capacity. Several sets are provided with a minimum capacity adjustment, and in any case some method must be found to equalize it.

Lastly, turn the receiver dial to various settings, and check resonance. Any variation now must be due to the variable condensers themselves. Bearings out of adjustment, rotor plates not following exactly in the center of the spaces between stator plates or bent plates, are the usual troubles.

The ideal method of building a single-control receiver is to measure the inductances and variable condensers and match them carefully before installing them in the set, and then it will be

necessary to check only the minimum capacities.

To compare R. F. transformers for uniformity, connect them as shown in

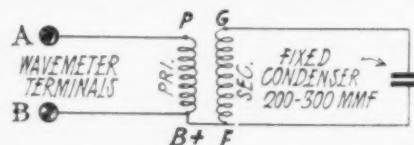


Fig. 2. Connections for Comparing Uniformity of R. F. Transformers

Fig. 2. The terminals *A* and *B* are the wavemeter terminals as shown in Fig. 1. Note that the plus *B* and filament terminals of the coil are connected together. Since the same fixed condenser is used on all coils, the deflection should occur at the same dial reading for all coils intended for one set.

To compare variable condensers, connect an R. F. transformer, such as is used in the receiver, to the wavemeter



Fig. 3. Connections for Comparing Variable Condensers

as shown in Fig. 3. Connect the secondary terminals of the coil with short leads to one section after another of the condenser, and repeat at several positions of the condenser rotor. At each position of the rotor all sections should give exactly the same reading.

It will be found that a very low setting of the Midget condenser is best on the short waves, while a somewhat higher setting is necessary to get a good deflection on the longer waves. Accuracy depends on using the minimum setting consistent with a readable deflection.

Electric light lines or door bell wires running parallel to a transmitting aerial will often pick up a quite heavy current when the transmitter is operated. The amount of current thus absorbed by the electric light wires is just that much energy stolen from the transmitter. This absorption is particularly troublesome on the short amateur wavelengths, because the natural period of the aerial formed by the door bell wires is often the same as the wavelength of the transmitter. Some time ago, the writer found that when the transmitting key of his CW set was closed, an electric light in the garage, about thirty feet away, lighted to nearly full brilliancy. The wires from the house to the light ran parallel to the aerial and directly below it. The current induced in these wires by the transmitter was pure loss. When the wires were put in metal conduit and buried in the ground the trouble stopped; and the antenna current of the transmitter jumped from one ampere to three amperes, after the transmitter had been retuned slightly.

## THE EVOLUTION OF MARINE RADIO

By T. M. STEVENS, General Superintendent, Marine Department Radio Corporation of America

Looking back, it seems that marine radio for many years led a staid, dignified and hard-working sort of existence. It got along with the spark transmitter and simple receiver as best it could, even though it might well have cast an envious look landward, where transoceanic radio and radio broadcasting were enjoying the popularity which followed the latest advances in radio engineering. Yet slender threads of communication were established and maintained between ships and shore. Priceless human life and precious cargoes were guarded day in and day out, in the ceaseless stream of vessels over the Seven Seas. Radiograms were hammered out from ship to shore and from shore to ship, to the best ability of the radio operator and at the pleasure of the elements. Then, in moments of grave emergency, marine radio, with such equipment as it had, never failed to rise to the occasion, for there is none braver than "Sparks," the radio operator abroad ocean greyhound or wallowing freighter.

In 1920 the Radio Corporation of America found it necessary to establish a system of coastal stations in order to render prompt and efficient public radio telegraphic service to and from ships. Two-kilowatt stations were installed at New York and Cape Cod. Other spark stations were then in operation, or about to be placed in service, at Cape May, N. J., Babylon, L. I., Brooklyn, New London, Newport, Siasconset, Boston, and Bar Harbor. Shortly after, spark stations were established at East Hampton, L. I., and Rockport, Me. Thus we see that there were no less than twelve spark stations in operation along the coast from Cape May to Bar Harbor. All were operating on only two wavelengths, 600 to 450 meters. Approximately 90 per cent of the traffic to and from ships was handled on these waves. One may well imagine the bedlam of interference to radio telegraphic service caused by so many stations, with broadly tuned spark transmitters, working on two waves!

With the advent of broadcasting and its rapidly growing popularity broadcasters immediately took up channels on both sides of the 450-meter channel of marine radio, and crowded in more and more as broadcasting spread out with its ever-growing list of stations.

A veritable Tower of Babel appeared at hand, while radio broadcasters, for their part, were none too gentle in their comments on the dot-dash messages of marine radio which overflowed the 450 and the 600-meter channels and broke into their midst at the most inopportune moments. But ship operators held a

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# QUERIES and REPLIES



Questions of general interest are published in this department. Questions should be brief, typewritten, or in ink, written on one side of the paper, and should state whether the answer is to be published or personally acknowledged. Where personal answer is desired, a fee of 25c per question, including diagrams, should be sent. If questions require special work, or diagrams, particularly those of factory-built receivers, an extra charge will be made, and correspondents will be notified of the amount of this charge before answer is made.

Can a standard output transformer be used as a push-pull output transformer, by some rearrangement of connections? What is the actual difference in output between a pair of type 371 tubes in parallel, and a push-pull stage using the same tubes? Will a Best superheterodyne function satisfactorily with a push-pull amplifier?—M. R., Baltimore, Md.

You can connect a pair of resistances across the output transformer primary, as is shown in Fig. 1a, for use as a

larity on the announcements, and yet come in loud and clear late in the afternoon and evening?—J. H., Healdsburg, Calif.

Probably due to a small amount of fading, which is apparent especially during the announcements, when the announcer has a tendency to speak too loudly, and thus overload or overmodulate the transmitter.

What inductance, capacity and resistance should be used for a power ampli-

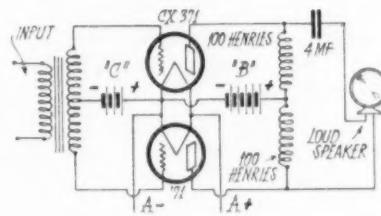
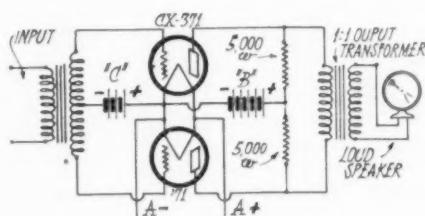


Fig. 1. (a) Push-Pull Output Using Resistance (b) Impedance Coupled Push-Pull Output

make-shift push-pull output transformer. However, it is better to have a center-tapped primary winding as is used in transformers especially designed for push-pull service. Another method of push-pull output is shown in Fig. 1b. and was used in the Radiola Regenoflex several years ago. Two chokes of 25 henrys or more, connected in series, will do in place of the tapped choke used in the Radiola. An output transformer having a 1 to 1 ratio can be connected with the windings in series, to form a center tapped choke, but requires a knowledge of the direction of each winding, for if the coils are connected in series opposing, the results will be nil.

A considerable increase in power output is had with the push-pull arrangement, over that obtained with two tubes having their grids and plates in parallel. In fact, in many repeaters used by the Bell System, a push-pull amplifier having two tubes similar to the type 371, on each side of the push-pull stage is used, with a total of four tubes, in order to have a high power output without using a plate voltage in excess of 150. Two type 371 tubes in a push-pull stage will give approximately the same power output as a type 310 tube with 350 volts plate.

Push-pull amplifiers can be used with any type of superheterodyne, and for that matter, any other circuit using a power amplifier stage.

Why does a certain broadcasting station about 100 miles distant sound mushy during certain times of the day, particu-

lary with a resistance to accomplish this.

Kindly outline a satisfactory method of matching intermediate frequency transformers for use in a superheterodyne.—R. E. A., Berkeley, Calif.

This subject has been covered in past issues of RADIO, but there have been so many questions about this subject that a new circuit has been prepared, Fig. 3, and a short description follows. The calibration apparatus necessary for measuring the peak frequency of intermediate frequency or filter transformers can be one of two types; it can be of the peak indicating type, simply giving an indication of when the peak frequency is located, or it can be of the voltage measuring type, giving the actual voltage amplification of the transformer and tube, as well as the peak frequency. As the latter is quite expensive to construct, and requires access to a laboratory in order to properly calibrate it, the diagram shows only the peak measuring outfit.

It consists of a calibrated oscillator of the stabilized type, an amplifier tube to be placed ahead of the transformer under test, a rectifier tube, and a direct current amplifier tube. The oscillator must give an output absolutely free from harmonics, must be constant in frequency, and must be independent of small changes in plate and filament voltage, so that as the batteries run down, the frequency of the oscillator will always remain the same, for given condenser settings. The oscillator is at the left, in Fig. 3, and consists of a type 112 tube, with 6 volt filament supply and at least 90 volts B battery, with 4½ volts C battery. The two oscillator coils should be of such design that when used with the condensers shown in the diagram, the frequency range of the oscillator will be within the range needed for the transformers under test. As some transformers have frequencies as low as 30 kilocycles, and as high as 300 k. c., a pair of 500 turn honeycomb coils will be needed from 25 to 75 kilocycles, and a pair of 200 turn coils for the range from 75 to 300 kilocycles. A double pole, double throw jack switch may be used to cut out one set of coils and cut in the others. The variable condenser controls the frequency of the oscillator, and when the range of the condenser is not great enough to lower the frequency to the desired value, the fixed condensers are cut in. The plate circuit of the oscillator has an r. f. choke, such as the primary or secondary of an intermediate frequency transformer, so that r. f. is

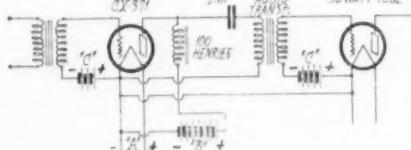


Fig. 2. Impedance Transformer Coupling Between Power Tubes

bination of impedance and transformer coupling, and has been used in a number of commercial telephone installations. A 100 henry choke having a current carrying capacity of 25 milliamperes or more should be used, in conjunction with a 2 mfd. condenser. Any high grade audio transformer may be used, although the primary should have as low an impedance as is possible, so that it may be necessary to shunt the transformer pri-

kept out of the *B* battery circuit. The oscillator feedback is through a 1 mfd. condenser and a 100,000 ohm lavite resistance used as a stabilizer, to the plate coil and thence to the filament. The tube sometimes will not oscillate with a resistance as high as 100,000 ohms, so that a lower value may have to be substituted for it. Do not use a variable high resistance, as the calibration of the oscillator will be useless once this resistance is varied. The resistance should be kept as high as possible in order to keep the oscillator free from harmonics. The oscillator output passes through another 1 mfd. condenser, through a 12,000 ohm fixed resistance and a 1500 ohm potentiometer. By varying the slider connected to the grid of the amplifier tube, the energy from the oscillator is amplified to any quantity desired.

The oscillator should be placed in a shielded box, and calibrated. The easiest method of calibration is to connect a two stage resistance coupled amplifier using at least a type 371 tube in the output, to the oscillator output circuit, and to the plate circuit of the power tube connect a 500 turns honeycomb coil. Couple this coil to the wavemeter being used as standard for calibration, and observe the deflection of the wavemeter galvanometer. This keeps the wavemeter away from the oscillator coils them-

made to read exactly  $1\frac{1}{2}$  milliamperes. This is considered the zero setting of the meter when the outfit is running, and deflections of the needle will thus be downwards towards zero, when the peak of the transformer under test is reached. A voltmeter is also shown shunted across the series filament connection of the rectifier and d. c. amplifier tubes, but this may be the same meter as is used for the r. f. amplifier tube, by means of a multi-pole battery switch such as the Weston.

The procedure for testing a transformer is to connect it between the r. f. amplifier and the rectifier tube, and after adjusting the plate milliammeter to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  milliamperes, turn on the oscillator and advance the output control a small amount. Now move the oscillator condenser dial back and forth until a deflection of the milliammeter needle is noted this deflection being towards zero. If the deflection is more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  millampere, cut down the output of the oscillator, as it is necessary to limit the amount of oscillator current to the lowest possible value in order not to introduce an error in the measurements due to saturation of the transformer core, if it happens to be of the iron core type. If no deflection occurs, and the oscillator tube is known to be oscillating, the transformer has an open circuited primary.

to the reason for using the d. c. amplifier tube. This type of amplifier was described about a year ago in **RADIO**, and is used to amplify the plate current of the rectifier tube so that it can be more easily read. With the ordinary A tube used as a d. c. amplifier, and having an amplification factor of about 7, the plate current of the rectifier tube can be less than 100 microamperes, or .1 milliamperes, and yet show in excess of .5 milliamperes deflection in the plate circuit of the d. c. amplifier. The reason for the drop in plate current in the amplifier tube is that the plate current of the rectifier, in flowing through the grid leak at the input of the d. c. amplifier, produces a voltage drop across the grid leak and hence changes the C voltage on the amplifier tube, increasing it so that the plate current decreases. If this amplifier tube was not used, the .1 milliamperes plate current flow in the rectifier tube plate would be difficult to read with a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mil. scale milliammeter, and the input to the rectifier would have to be increased, with possible saturation of the transformer being measured, and errors in the results.

Could I use the new Raytheon 2½ ampere cartridge in place of the bulb in my present battery charger?—E. J. M., Oakland, Calif.

Yes, as long as the transformer you

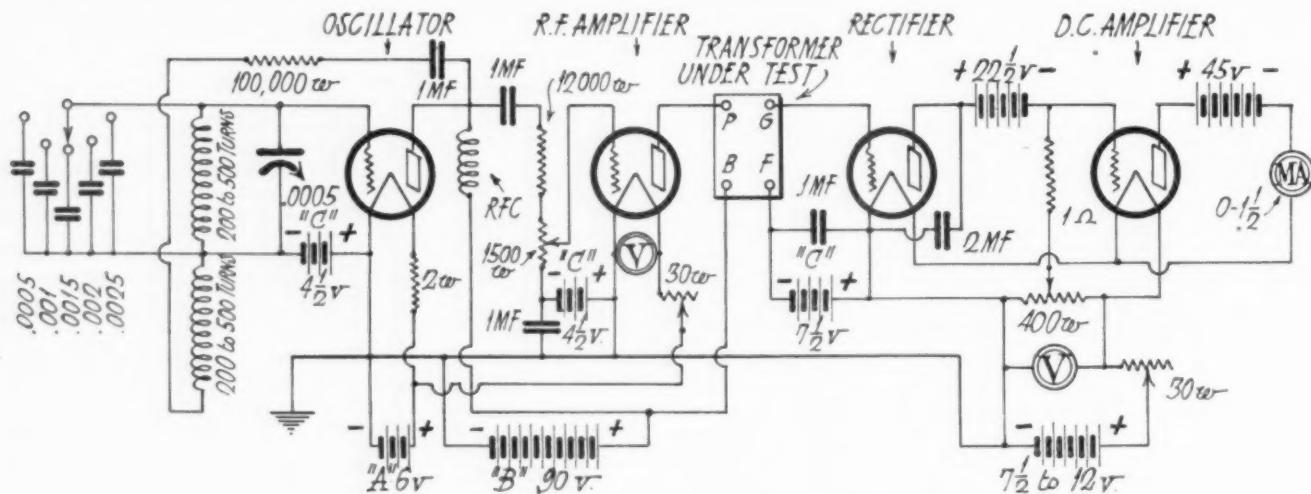


Fig. 3. Circuit For Measuring Peak Frequency of Transformers

selves, and prevents any change in frequency during the measuring work.

The amplifier tube following the oscillator, in Fig. 3, should be which ever type is to be actually used with the transformers to be tested. The same is true of the rectifier and d. c. amplifier tubes. If the transformers were designed for type 99 tubes, use that type in all three sockets; if for type A tubes, use type A tubes throughout. The amplifier tube filament is adjusted with a 30 ohm rheostat and a low range voltmeter, so that it will be in proper operating condition. The rectifier tube has  $22\frac{1}{2}$  volts plate, from a separate B battery, and a C battery adjusted so that with no voltage being fed to the grid from the transformer under test, the plate current of the rectifier will be zero. The d. c. amplifier tube has a 45 volt B battery, separate from the others, and as will be noted in Fig. 3, has its filament in series with that of the rectifier. A milliammeter having a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  milliampere scale is connected in the plate circuit of the d. c. amplifier tube, and by adjusting the slider of the 400 ohm potentiometer, the plate current is

mary. With a good transformer, however, the milliammeter will gradually drop  $\frac{1}{2}$  millampere or so, so that when the oscillator condenser is varied back and forth across the peak frequency of the transformer, the exact peak can quickly be determined. With an intermediate frequency transformer, this will require moving the oscillator over a band of perhaps 10 to 15 kilocycles to determine the exact peak, but with a filter transformer, this peak will be very sharp, and the needle of the meter must be watched closely to locate the point with accuracy.

One very important point to watch is the amount of oscillator current being fed into the amplifier tube ahead of the transformer under test, as stated above, and to check this point, temporarily remove the connections of the milliammeter, after a satisfactory deflection of the needle is had, and place the meter in series with the grid of the amplifier, next to the oscillator output. If grid current even as small as .1 millampere shows, the tube is being overloaded, and the energy input should be reduced.

Several questions have been asked as

have is provided with taps to adjust the secondary voltage to the right amount for the charging current you require.

## BOOK REVIEWS

"The Law of Radio Communication" by Stephen Davis; 204 pp. 6 by 9 in. Published by McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York City. Price \$3.00.

Price \$5.00.

A lawyer, like the law he serves, is ruled by precedent. As radio is unprecedented in many of its phases, the lawyer necessarily bases its precedents upon similar but not identical cases in other lines. Until the courts decide sufficient radio cases, there is no law concerning it. But a man with the legal experience of Judge Davis, combined with the knowledge gained during his years as acting head of the radio activities of the Department of Commerce, can intelligently forecast its probable trend.

Judge Davis here interprets his ideas of what the law will be. His interpretation is sound and thorough, as a resume of some of his opinions will show: An electrical impulse does not constitute trespass of private property. Yet it is subject to Federal regulation where it causes interstate interference or becomes of

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# THE COMMERCIAL BRASSPOUNDER

# A Department for the Operator at Sea and Ashore

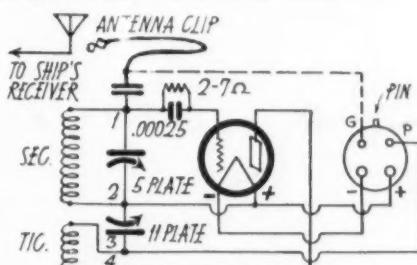


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## GOING UP

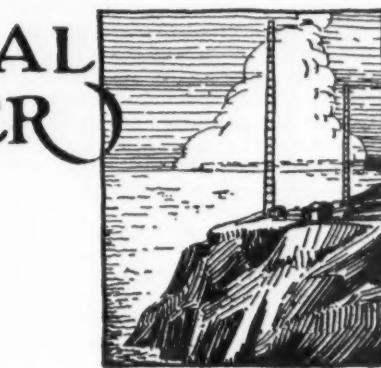
Judging by the rapid strides of Aviation, and the world-wide enthusiasm and interest shown in this means of transportation, a new and more exciting field is soon to be opened to the brasspounder. Commander Byrd and his party, in their flight to Paris, established and maintained almost as good a QSO as the majority of ships which make that run. Smith and Bronte not only held communication from San Francisco to Hawaii, but were surprisingly successful in their use of radio as an aid to navigation.

The time has come for aviators to rely on radio communication. Larger planes are coming into use, making room for the radio operator; longer trips are being taken, making communication necessary; and, within a very few months, we shall see the United States following in the tracks of the European countries, establishing passenger service all over the country if not to all parts of the world. Radio will play its part in the development of this science. Just as it came to play an important part in marine transportation so will it be called upon to aid in the harnessing of the air. Keep your eyes on aviation, fellows. And if any of you who read this are already connected with that branch of radio service we'd appreciate it if you would keep us informed as to the progress of radio "aloft."



### *Circuit Diagram of Short Wave Adapter*

The circuit diagrams and drawing of base-board layout, and coil mounting system, show most of the details of construction. However the layout of parts is merely tentative, and the constructor should arrange placement to suit the requirements. It is suggested that the tube socket be placed on the side next to the receiver, so as to keep the cord out of the

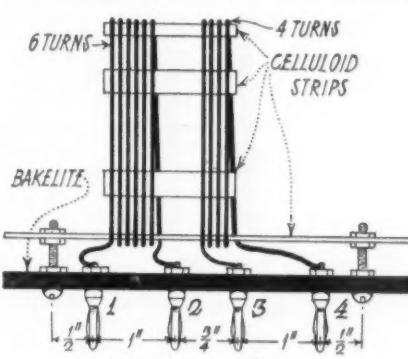


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## PLUG-IN-COIL "MICKY DORAN" SHORT WAVE ADAPTER

By FOREST RITZ

Micky Doran's article on Pacific Short Wave Press, which appeared in November Radio, and his description of a short wave adapter for reception of short waves, inspired the immediate construction of the herein described adapter, using the same basic circuit.

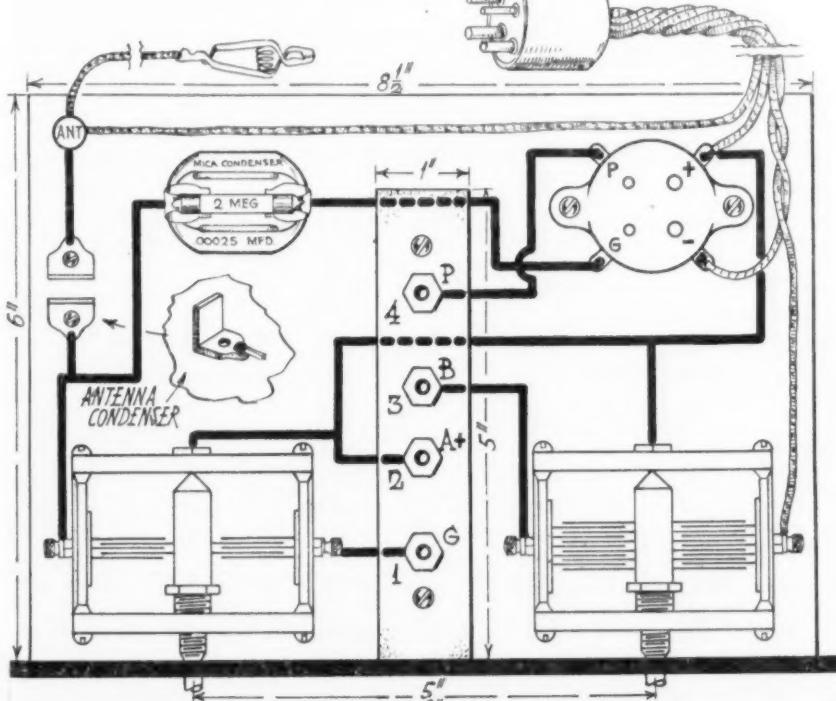


### *Coil Mounting System*

does not amount to much. Doran suggests Kress Store parts to be used. If saving in cost of building is desired that is OK. But in short wave work too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity of low-loss parts. It is recommended that a good grade of grid condenser and tube socket be used. If Kress 1 buck variable condensers are used, don't fail to pigtail them, between the rotor and rear end plate. The secondary tuning condenser should be taken apart and reassembled, using 3 stator plates and 2 rotor plates. With a vernier dial this number of plates is easy to tune, and a greater wavelength range per coil is obtained than with a 3 plate variable.

All connections must be securely soldered, and care should be taken that it is a "hot solder job," and not a "cold solder job." A spare tube being available here to use for keeps in the adapter, it was soldered into a "Pyrex" UX type socket, and then mounted on a small rubber sponge in such a way to absorb vibration. It is practically impossible to get a tube that is not microphonic on short waves, and anyone knows how the average ship's radio shack vibrates. So some form of non-microphonic tube socket mounting is the answer. Number 14, round tinned copper bus-bar is as good as anything for wiring the adapter.

Hard rubber or bakelite is OK for the panel. However if none is available, a thin piece of box lumber may be used. This was done here, and has served very well. After cutting to size and sand papering smooth, it should be well shellaced to make it "damp" proof. Then reinforce at each end with narrow strips of the same material, to guard against the panel splitting, and to straighten any prevalent warp. It is a good idea to shield the back of the panel with thin copper sheeting. The rotors of both variable con-



### *Baseboard Layout for Short Wave Adapter*

densers being common to the panel, this reduces body capacity effect to a minimum.

The strips for the coil mountings are made of pieces of scrap bakelite or hard rubber. General Radio tips and jacks are used here, the damage for same being 10c each. A kit of short wave coils are available on the market for the builder who does not desire to wind his own. But a great saving in cost can be made if the coils are of the home brew variety, and can easily be made as low-loss as necessary. The coils in use here were wound with number 18 D.C.C. magnet wire. Four  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. celluloid strips are placed equidistant on a 3 in. split cardboard tubing, the wire space wound thereon; spacing being about the thickness of the wire; and the turns made fast with an application of collodion to the celluloid strips. The cardboard form is then removed, and three of the strips trimmed off even with the outside edge of the tickler and secondary coils; the other celluloid strip holding the turn ends fast, and used for mounting on the bakelite strip.

The following are the coils necessary to cover the various amateur wavelengths.

| Secondary turns | Tickler turns | Approximate wavelength in meters | Approx. spacing between tickler and secondary |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1               | 3             | 10 to 12                         | $\frac{1}{2}$ "                               |
| 3               | 3             | 11 to 26                         | $\frac{1}{2}$ "                               |
| 6               | 4             | 25 to 45                         | $\frac{3}{4}$ "                               |
| 11              | 4             | 35 to 70                         | $\frac{1}{2}$ "                               |
| 21              | 5             | 60 to 120                        | $\frac{1}{2}$ "                               |

The dotted line in the circuit diagram from the antenna connection to the grid contact of the plug-in tube base is a tentative arrangement. If the receiver in which the tube base is plugged is a plain regenerative, or, better yet, single circuit regenerative, enough energy to obtain good signal strength from the ship's antenna will result. However a direct connection to the antenna, with the cord and clip shown is the best. But on testing on here, it was found that when using both at once a greater audibility was obtained. Cannot say why; as the receiver here is a plug-in coil tuned radio freak, and the coils removed when short wave work being done; except that it may be the high capacity connection to the ship's hull through the receiver grid condenser, tuning condenser, etc., that gives the added kick. (Radio engineers please note. Especially "etc.") No ground connection is necessary, but one can be used if so desired. But very little difference in audibility of signals will result.

Just remove the detector tube from the receiver, plug in tube socket, plug in coil for desired wave, and listen to 'em roll in as you twirl the dial. But twirl it slow and easy. Besides the Navy press files on 37 meters, and others, there is a very good press QST from NU 2uo, the N. Y. Times, at 10 P. M. P.S.T. on 30 meters, CW or ICW, whichever way it's tuned in. 2uo is copied regularly from S. F. to Honolulu. He has been copied from Manila across, by others.

For the fortunate operator on a one-man job, who can build and use his own as desired, this short wave adapter cannot be beat to pass away a few interesting hours. Listen to Honolulu amateurs work the States in broad daylight on 20 meters, and other countless interesting DX achievements. He who has never listened to short wave signals, has the thrills of his radio experience yet to come.

Radio time signals are broadcast at noon and 10 p. m. E. S. T. from Arlington, Va., on 24.9, 37.4, 74.7, 435 and 2650 meters.

XNA is a new CW station at Canton, China, operated by the Ministry of Communications. It has an antenna output of 8 k.w. and transmits on 2600, 3090 and 4385 meters. During daylight test it was heard in Java and at Cavite, P. I.

## GENERAL DOPE ON SKEDS

By FRED V. TRUEBLOOD, KIPJ

Radio Station, Ensenada, Porto Rico (WPR) now stands continuous watch. WPR listens for calls and clears traffic the first fifteen minutes of the following hours: 3 AM, 11 AM 75th. Meridian Time. The first 15 minutes of the hour at 9 AM and 9 PM, WPR listens for calls from tube ships on 700 meters CW.

Beginning October 1, 1926 the coastal rate for all Dominican Government Coast Stations will be six cents per word, no minimum. Landline rate will also be three cents per word, no minimum. There is no LL charge for messages destined to towns which have a coast station, whether or not the msgs. are sent to that station.

## PRESS AND TIME SKEDS ON WNU TO SPAIN RUN

Compiled by FRED V. TRUEBLOOD  
SS West Chatala

### PRESS

| Call | G. M. T.                           | Wave System |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| POZ  | 0800, 1120, 1800, 2200             | 18050 CW    |
| GBR  | 0148, 0800, 1020, 1200, 2000, 2400 | 18740 CW    |
| NSS  | 0700                               | 17145 CW    |
| NAA  | 0700                               | 2655 CW     |
| NBA  | 1000                               | 7000 CW     |
| VBT  | 0305                               | 3000 CW     |
| WNU  | 0430, 1630                         | 3331 CW     |
| WAX  | 1200                               | 5551 CW     |
| WII  | 0518                               | 13500 CW    |

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### ADDITIONAL TIME SKEDS

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| GMT  | EST  | PST  | CALL | WAVE | SYS | LOCATION                                 |
|------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|
| 0330 | 0430 | 0130 | CTV  | 600  | SPK | Lisbon, Portugal                         |
| 1900 | 1400 | 1100 | XDA  | 5800 | CW  | Mexico City, Mexico                      |
| 0055 | 1955 | 1655 | CCE  | 1000 | SPK | Valparaiso, Chile                        |
| 1900 | 1400 | 1100 | CRZ  | 600  | SPK | Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa |
| 0556 | 0056 | 2156 | ISG  | 2850 | SPK | Mogadisio, Italian Somaliland            |
| 0827 | 0327 | 0027 | VWC  | 2000 | SPK | Calcutta, India                          |
| 0255 | 2155 | 1855 | FFZ  | 600  | SPK | Shanghai, China                          |
| 1200 | 0700 | 0400 | JCS  | 600  | SPK | Chosiko, Japan                           |
| 1200 | 0700 | 0400 | JJC  | 4000 | CW  | Funabashi, Japan                         |
| 1300 | 0800 | 0500 | VIP  | 600  | SPK | Perth, Australia                         |
| 1400 | 0900 | 0600 | VIM  | 600  | SPK | Melbourne, Australia                     |
| 2300 | 1800 | 1500 | VLW  | 600  | SPK | Wellington, N. Z.                        |

YN—Lyons, France, has discontinued sending time signals.

| COUNTRY | STATION                      | CALL | LAT   | LONG    | Send Wave | Charges      |                | REMARKS                           |
|---------|------------------------------|------|-------|---------|-----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
|         |                              |      |       |         |           | Receive Wave | American Money |                                   |
| Sweden  | Lund Sort                    | SAO  | 5845N | 1752E   | 600       | 600          | \$1.30         |                                   |
|         | Vinga Island                 | SAL  | 5738N | 1136E   | 600       | 600          |                |                                   |
|         | Hallö                        | SAM  | 5820N | 1113E   | 600       | 600          |                |                                   |
|         | Morup                        | SAN  | 5656N | 1222E   | 600       | 600          |                |                                   |
| France  | Bernieres                    | FEB  | 4920N | 0025W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Clerbourg                    | FUC  | 4637N | 0136W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Treguier                     | FET  | 4850N | 0314W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Ushant                       | FEU  | 4828N | 0507W   | 600       | 600          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Brest-La Trinite             | FEX  | 4822N | 0435W   | 600       | 600          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Brest Moulin de Seigneur     | FEI  | 4820N | 0433W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Pointe du Raz                | FER  | 4802N | 0444W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Penmarch                     | FEP  | 4749N | 0421W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Lorient                      | FUN  | 4744N | 0321W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | St. Nazaire Villes es Martin | FEZ  | 4715N | 0214W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Rochefort Soubouise          | FES  | 4556N | 0100W   | 800       | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
|         | Agde                         | FEC  | 4317N | 0331E   | { 600 }   | 800          | 1.20           |                                   |
| Canada  | Toulon-La Mitre              | FEM  | 4306N | 0556E   |           |              |                |                                   |
|         | Chebucto—Head NS             | VAV  | 4430N | 6331W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | St. Paul—Island NS           | VAT  | 4712N | 6009W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Canso—NS                     | VAX  | 4519N | 6058W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Yarmouth                     | VAU  | 4346N | 6607W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | St. John—New Brunswick       | VAR  | 4515N | 6601W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Caperace—NF                  | VAZ  | 4639N | 5305W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Pachena—BC                   | VAD  | 4844N | 125.08W | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
| England | Bell Isle—NF                 | VCM  | 5153N | 5522W   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Niton                        | GNL  | 5035N | 0117W   | 600       | 600          | \$1.25         |                                   |
|         | Lizard                       | BVY  | 4959N | 0512W   | 800       | 800          | 1.25           |                                   |
|         | Cullercoats                  | GCC  | 5502N | 0125W   | 600       | 600          | 1.25           |                                   |
|         | Flamborough                  | BUN  | 5401N | 0005W   | 600       | 600          | 1.25           |                                   |
|         | Ramehead                     | BYO  | 5019N | 0413W   | 1100      | ...          | 1.25           | Transmits for ships' compass use. |
| Germany | Borkum                       | KBO  | 5335N | 0642E   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Wilhelmshaven                | KAN  | 5331N | 0809E   | 600       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | Nordholz                     | KBN  | 5347N | 0838E   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |
|         | List                         | KAO  | 5500N | 0823E   | 800       | 800          | Free           |                                   |

| COUNTRY     | STATION        | CALL | LAT   | LONG   | Wave            | Charge American Money | REMARKS                          |
|-------------|----------------|------|-------|--------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tunis       | Bizerta        | FEQ  | 3715N | 0950E  | 800             | \$1.20                |                                  |
| Morocco     | Quitra         | CNK  | 3419N | 0636W  | { 600 }         | 1.20                  |                                  |
|             |                |      |       |        |                 |                       |                                  |
| Spain       | Casablanca     | CNP  | 3335N | 0738W  | 600             | 1.20                  |                                  |
| Italy       | Ferrrol        | EBAW | 4329N | 0813W  | 450             | 2.00                  |                                  |
| Italian     | Murano         | IRM  | 4728N | 1221E  | 600             | 1.20                  |                                  |
| Somaliland  | Cape Guardafui | ISK  | 1144N | 5114E  | 600             | 1.20                  |                                  |
| India       | Bombay         | VWB  | 1858N | 7254E  | 600             | 1.20                  | Experimental                     |
|             | Karachi        | VWK  | 2451N | 6703E  | 600             | 1.20                  | Experimental                     |
| French      | Kienan         | HVB  | 2047N | 10637E | 600             | 1.20                  | Works with HVC                   |
| Indo China  | Kakba          | HVC  | 2044N | 10702E | 600             | 1.20                  | Works with HUB                   |
| China       | Tai Long Head  | VPS  | 2213N | 11416E | 800             | Free                  | (Hongkong)                       |
| Norway      | Ut Sire        | LGK  | 5918N | 0456E  | ...             | ...                   | Not yet officially working       |
|             | Bergen         | LGN  | 6025N | 0522E  | ...             | ...                   | Not yet officially working       |
|             | Röst           | LFR  | 6730N | 1205E  | 600             | Free                  | Experimental                     |
|             | Ingøy          | LEI  | 7104N | 2409E  | ...             | ...                   | Not officially in operation yet. |
| Spitsbergen | Spitsbergen    | LFG  | 7802N | 1414E  | ...             | ...                   | Not officially in operation yet. |
| Holland     | Scheveningen   | PCH  | 5206N | 0416E  | { Call on 600 } | 1.20                  | QTE                              |
|             |                |      |       |        |                 |                       |                                  |
|             |                |      |       |        |                 |                       |                                  |

# With the Amateur Operators

## CLICKLESS HIGH POWER DC TRANSMITTER

By DON C. WALLACE *NU-6 A.M.*

With a small transmitter it is quite simple to emit good DC, without attendant key clicks. With high power the job is not so simple. In fact, the writer has never seen or heard of an amateur transmitter of 1000 watts or so, which was both DC and "clickless."

The present transmitter at 6AM is entirely clickless. It is not pure DC, as pure DC to the writer is not desirable. It is what is generally termed "near DC," utilizing a moderate amount of filter after a mercury arc tube. Slight overtones from both the 50 cycle current, i. e., a tone of 100 cycles and one of the higher overtones in the neighborhood of 500 cycles, are apparent, giving what may be called "near DC" with a slight RAC superimposed which makes the note pleasant, and without the tiresome features of pure DC.

With grid leak keying there almost always is a "sput-sput" on such power. The same is true with the use of a separate tube for a grid leak. The so-called mid tap keying is out of the question because of terrific clicks. Keying in the high voltage leads would require a tremendous relay. In fact, any system of keying after the rectifier would allow the no-load voltage to build up between dots and dashes, putting a peak of voltage at the instant of contact, this peak being a decided thump as compared to the rest of the dot or dash.

Clearly the keying must be done in the power leads to the rectifier rather than after the rectification has taken place. This is comparatively simple on moderate powers, and when rectifier tubes such as Kenotron or Rectobulb, or Rectrons, are used, the job is simple. The lights will duck and the key will stick unless the line is of considerable resistance. The simplest way is to insert one or two ohms as shown at  $R_1$ . This becomes absolutely essential on high power, otherwise it would take a 20KW key to hold 1 KW. The key sparks and sticking are further reduced by the insertion of the two RF chokes at  $RF_1$ . Without these,

the key gets very hot; with them, the heat is reduced materially, indicating a cleaner make and break. In addition, these chokes tend to sharpen the wave, as they keep RF picked up from the vicinity of the transmitter from going back over the lines. These chokes at  $RF_5$ , are made of 75 turns No. 12 Enamel on a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. cardboard tube. Incidentally, the overall efficiency of the set went up 6 per cent when the chokes were inserted.

*RF<sub>2</sub>* chokes may appear to duplicate the *RF<sub>1</sub>*, but plenty of RF chokes properly placed always help the efficiency, and better the keying as well. These chokes are wound of 200 turns No. 30 SCC spaced by a thread, wound on a 1 in. cardboard tube. These two chokes were tuned to 40 meters by taking off turns, although this is not essential.

Resistance  $R_1$  does for the inter circuit what  $R_1$  does to the 220 volt circuit. They both slow up any sudden surges due to the key landing on the peak of a cycle in the reverse phase from that of the core charge of transformer  $T_1$ .

With this transmitter operating on 1000

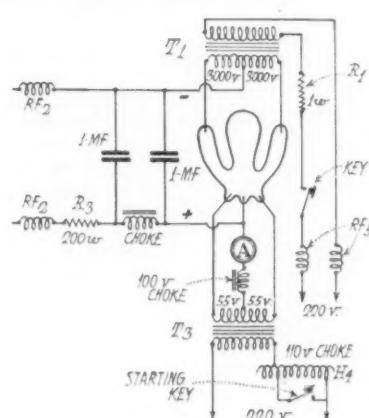


Fig. 1. Basic Diagram of Clickless Features

watts, no click is audible in a broadcast receiver using an antenna from the same pole as the transmitter, although on certain waves pulsations may be noted in received broadcast programs due to the closeness of the two antennas. These, however, are negligible as compared to the clicks of bygone days, which would cover the entire dial, ruining reception. Reports from the neighbor across the street, and the one on the adjoining lot, are to the effect that they have never been bothered by 6AM while listening to a broadcast program.

The same principles of keying may be applied to circuits using self-rectification, with one tube on each half of the cycle, or with any of the tube rectifiers mentioned above. When going to high power, the only form available to the amateur is the mercury arc, which is becoming more and more popular.

Differing from the original circuits shown by the writer and others in various radio magazines, the keep-alive circuit may now be extremely simple. Fig. 1 shows this circuit complete. The ammeter is one of the 60 cent variety used on dash boards of automobiles. The clips on choke  $H_4$  are set so that the arc starts (with starting key down) on about 20 or 25 amperes as shown on the ammeter  $A$ . When the key is released, the clips are adjusted so that it runs on 6 amperes. Thereafter nothing is necessary except to touch this key and tip the arc, whereupon it will ignite. Then the starting key is released and the arc will continue to run. As the keep-alive causes no interference in a 40 meter receiver it may be left on all night if desired, using break-in with foreign or US stations as desired. Keying such as described above makes this very simple.

Fig. 2 shows how the details of an automatic starting arrangement have been worked out at 6AM. The first dot of the key  $K$  starts the arc. The second dot is on the air. In starting up, simply start transmitting, as the arc starts itself when the key is touched.

The Leach break-in relay shown at *M*, is used and it surely is a pleasure to run a light

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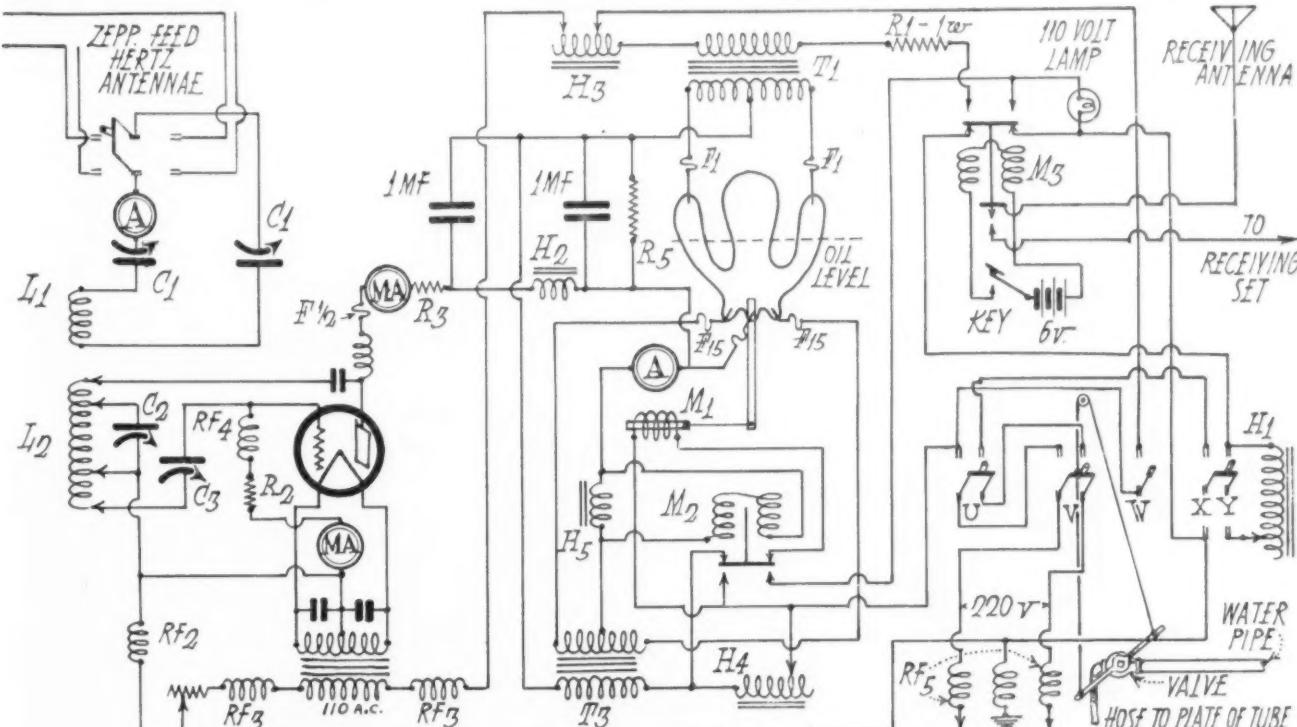


Fig. 2. Circuit Diagram of Complete Transmitter at 6AM, with Mercury Arc and Water Cooled Tube

# Practical Hints For Amateur Radiotelephony

By G. M. Best

THE average amateur radiotelephone installation resolves itself into two parts; the transmitter, with associated power supply, and the equipment for modulation, including speech amplifier (usually correctly termed a speech distorts in most "ham" installations). The transmitter proper is usually well designed, and emits a fairly steady carrier wave, so that whether the circuit be a Hartley, a tuned grid-plate, or a Meissner, the carrier usually reaches out far beyond the voice waves impressed on it, and it is with the latter that these remarks deal.

A short session of listening on the amateur phone band in one of the large cities, soon disclosed the fact that only a few amateur phones can compare with a third rate broadcasting station. Either the carrier is all cluttered with noise, coming from the generator, filament lighting transformer, or rectified a. c. plate supply, or the modulation is terrible. Of course it is realized that after scraping together all available cash with which to purchase tubes, meters and other expensive equipment to even get on the air, nothing is left with which to buy the costly apparatus by which the commercial stations obtain their high quality, and it is not intended to criticize in any way the work being done by the amateur. No doubt if one could but see the meager equipment at some of the stations, it would set us to wondering how anything at all could be done in the way of telephony.

Probably the greatest stumbling block in the way of a successful radiophone has been a quiet source of direct current for plate supply. Motor generators are expensive, and thus are limited to those who have plenty of cash; even when a m. g. set is used, the carrier is often full of commutator ripple, due either to imperfect commutation, or lack of proper filter in the output circuit. Electrolytic or "jar" rectifiers are rather messy to build, and require frequent attention, although a well built jar rectifier used in connection with a real filter can and does give a d. c. output free from noise. Kinetron or tube rectifiers represent one of the most satisfactory solutions of the problems of d. c. plate supply for the low powered transmitter, although for transmitters of 100 watts or more, the cost of the rectifier tubes, power transformer and filter parts

mounts so rapidly that the generator is perhaps more satisfactory.

As most of the short wave phone work is with low power, generally a 7½ watt type 310 oscillator, and a modulator of the same size, the plate current requirements will not exceed 100 milliamperes at 500 volts. It is asking too much of a CX-316-B half wave rectifier to deliver 100 milliamperes at that voltage, and hence it has been necessary to build a full wave rectifier using two of these tubes, with a transformer having an 1100 volt center tapped secondary for plate supply. Fortunately, the new CX-381 rectifier is now on the market, and will supply 120 milliamperes at 500 volts when used as a half wave rectifier, thereby cutting the cost of rectifier tubes in half, and allowing the use of a power transformer having a 520 volt secondary, much smaller in physical dimensions, and less expensive to build or buy ready made.

With the idea of showing what could be done with this new rectifier, and at the same time incorporating it into a complete phone transmitter, the diagram in Fig. 1 was prepared. It indicates the circuit of a 7½ watt outfit with a single stage of speech amplification, and tube rectifier plate supply. The transmitter proper uses the same circuit as the now famous "Bumblebee," described in May 1927 RADIO, with the tuned grid-plate circuit slightly modified to permit operation on the 85 and 150-200 meter bands. The grid and plate condensers have been increased in size, and a different combination of inductances for the grid and plate tuned circuits must be used. The grid coil, for 150-200 meter range, should be 18 turns of  $2\frac{1}{4}$  in. diameter, and the plate coil should be 20 turns of the same diameter as the grid coil. The antenna will probably be worked on the fundamental, and the antenna coupling inductance turns will have to be determined by experiment. For 85 meters, the grid and plate coils should be 14 and 15 turns respectively.

The modulation system used in Fig. 1 is the ever popular Heising method, used at 90 per cent of the broadcasting stations. The plate of the modulator tube is placed in parallel with that of the oscillator, with a 3 millihenry r. f. choke between the two plates to keep r. f. out of the modulator circuit. In the common

B supply lead is an audio frequency choke, of the iron core variety, and designed so as to avoid saturation of the core when the combined plate currents of both oscillator and modulator are flowing through it.

It is not necessary to discuss the theory of the Heising system, except to say that the larger the inductance in the audio frequency choke, the better the modulation, especially at the low frequencies in the audio range. When broadcasting first came into popularity, the size of this choke was usually 2 henrys, but it was soon found that this should be increased to a much higher value. In the 500 watt Western Electric broadcast transmitters, this choke consists of two 5 henry inductances in series, and in many of the high powered installations the inductance is 20 henrys or more. As the current flowing through this choke is high, a core with the proper sized air gap must be used, and the wire used to wind the choke must be heavy enough to carry the current without causing a large voltage drop, and consequent heating.

It is fortunate that the development of the new 350 milliampere rectifier tubes for ABC supply of receiving sets has caused the parallel development of 10 and 20 henry chokes with 350 milliampere current carrying capacity without core saturation. Complete data on these chokes will be found in the June and July issues of RADIO. Dimensions and winding details for homemade chokes of this type are given on page 12 of the June issue, and the factory built chokes are described in the July number.

The 3 millihenry choke may be a 400 turn honeycomb coil, or may be wound as follows: in a 1 in. slot of a wooden spool having a 1 in. hub, wind 450 turns of No. 24 d. c. wire, with haphazard method of winding. If the phone is to be used on waves below 150 meters, this choke should be wound on a cardboard tube, and so designed as to be effective at whatever wavelength the transmitter is to be used.

The plate voltage supply consists of a transformer with 110 volt primary, 520 volt plate secondary, and two 8 volt filament lighting secondaries. One lights the filament of the rectifier tube, and the other, the center tapped one, lights the modulator tube filament. In order

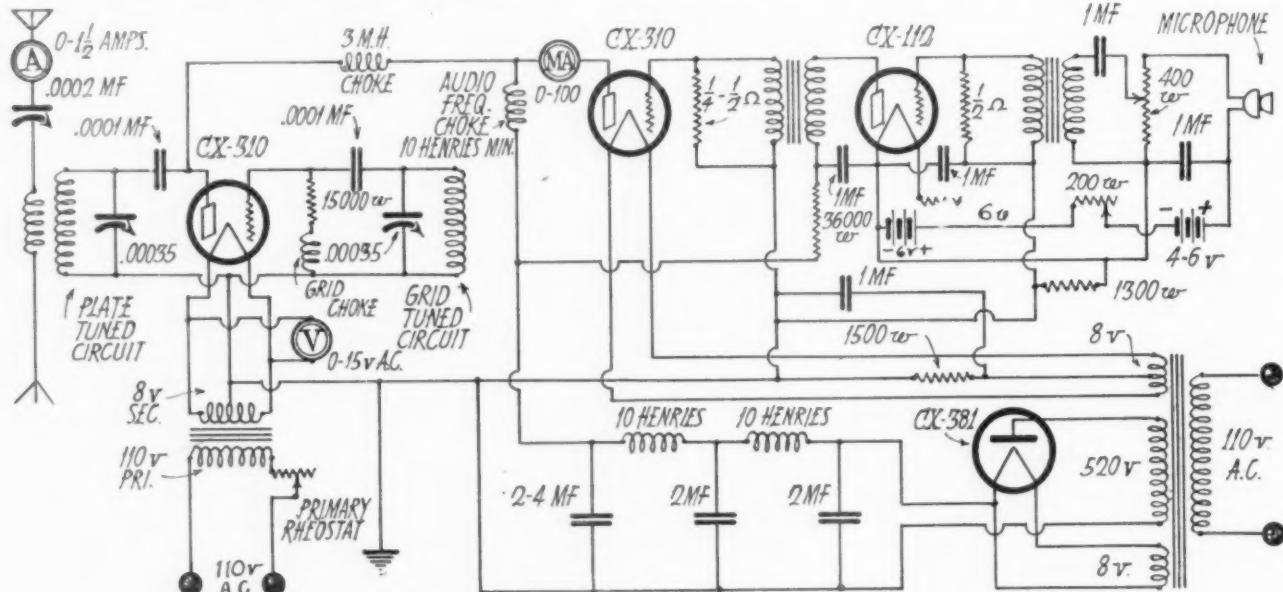


Fig. 1. Diagram of 7½ Watt Radiotelephone Transmitter

to provide regulation of filament temperature, and to keep the a. c. hum at a minimum, a separate filament lighting transformer is shown for the oscillator tube filament. The oscillator filament could be run from the modulator filament winding if necessary, but as the latter is designed for one CX-310 tube, without the need of voltage regulation, the addition of another filament would undoubtedly lower the voltage of the secondary below  $7\frac{1}{2}$  volts, and the power output of both tubes would thus be lowered. Transformers such as the Amertran PF-52 are excellent for this work, as they are conservatively rated, and will stand a large overload for short periods without overheating.

The filter system shown in the diagram contains the minimum size of chokes and condensers which will enable the experimenter to get by without heavy 60-cycle modulation of the carrier. It uses two of the 10 henry chokes recommended for the modulator plate choke. A pair of the 10 henry chokes in a metal can cost \$15.00, or two can be made up by using the data given in June RADIO. If but one speech amplifier is used, 6 mfd. in the filter will probably be sufficient to give a quiet d. c. output, but if more than one speech amplifier stage is to be installed, at least 4 mfd. must be used at the filter output, and more if the extra condensers are available. Condensers must stand 600 volts continuous d. c. at this point in the circuit; not 600 volts flash test, but 600 working volts, as indicated on the label.

In Fig. 1, a single stage of speech amplification is shown. This is based on the assumption that an ordinary single button carbon grain microphone, such as is used in regular wire telephony, is on hand, unfortunate but true in the case of most "ham" stations. Double button microphones used in broadcasting installations cost from \$100 up, and are out of the question for anyone but a plutocrat. They have the advantage of giving a practically uniform output at frequencies from 60 to 5000 cycles, but have the disadvantage of being so low in power output as to require a minimum of two stages of amplification before the power lever can be brought to that produced by the common single button microphone.

For those who are interested in the double button microphone the speech amplifier modifications are shown in Fig. 2. This amplifier consists of an input transformer having a primary impedance of 200 ohms, and a secondary impedance of 100,000 or more, a stage of high-mu amplification, impedance coupled to a type 112 power tube, which in turn is transformer coupled to the modulator circuit. The plate voltage for both tubes is reduced to their operating limits of 180 and 157 respectively by means of fixed resistances, and the grid voltages are had from the voltage drop across resistances in the filament and negative B circuits. A 4 ohm resistance in the high-mu tube negative filament gives sufficient C voltage for that stage, and a 1300 ohm resistance

in the negative B lead provides  $10\frac{1}{2}$  volts negative grid for the CX-112 second stage.

This amplifier is designed for the amateur station, and assumes that the operator will use the microphone for close talking, and not for picking up music in a studio. If the latter were the case, another stage of impedance coupled high-mu amplification would have to be added, to bring the total gain of the amplifier up to a point where effective modulation of the carrier could be had. The input transformer shown in the diagram has no center tap. A center tapped transformer for this circuit is made by the Thordarson Company, but it is rather expensive, and is used mostly in broadcasting installations. The two 100 ohm fixed resistances are a 200 ohm potentiometer adjusted so the slider is in the exact center will accomplish the same purpose, and a 200 ohm potentiometer between the center of the resistances and the positive of the battery supply will enable adjusting the current through the microphone buttons to the right value. Western Electric microphones require about 20 milliamperes per button, so that jacks are shown in the diagram for the insertion of a milliammeter to measure the current. If a great deal more current flows through one button than through the other, the microphone is unbalanced, and defective.

So-called modulation transformers designed some years ago for amateur phone work are hardly suitable for high quality transmission, and the writer made a satisfactory substitute by rebuilding a burned out Rauland Lyric audio transformer primary, with a low impedance primary winding. The core was disassembled, and the burned primary coil, which is outside the secondary, removed. In its place, a coil of the same physical dimensions as the old primary, but having 250 turns of No. 28 silk covered wire with center tap was substituted, and the transformer reassembled, using the same secondary winding. This transformer is suitable for either the double button microphone circuit of Fig. 2, or the single button transmitter of Fig. 1. It will be efficient at the low frequencies as well as those up to 5000 cycles, and has a fairly uniform amplification curve.

Referring again to Fig. 1, the microphone circuit consists of the carbon grain transmitter, a 400 ohm potentiometer so connected that the resistance is always in the microphone circuit, a 200 ohm current adjusting resistance, the 6 volt storage battery used to light the speech amplifier tube filament, and a booster battery of 4 to 6 volts, depending upon the current required for the microphone.

The Western Electric type 323-W transmitter, which is the favorite at many "ham" stations, requires 125 milliamperes. Another Western Electric transmitter known as the 337-W requires only 40 or 50 milliamperes to give the same power output as the 323-W, and has slightly better quality. The latter will work without a booster battery, since the current requirements are low.

The input transformer is connected to one side of the potentiometer and the slider, through a 1 mfd. condenser, so as to avoid changing the d. c. current in the microphone button. By varying the slider, the volume can be controlled nicely from zero to maximum.

A CX-112 tube is used for the amplifier, and is coupled to the modulator through an audio frequency transformer such as is used in the second stage of a receiving set amplifier. Here, as at the input, it is essential to have a high quality transformer, one capable of amplifying the low notes as well as the high, and having a primary impedance suitable for the 112 tube.

As was explained in connection with the double button microphone amplifier, the B voltage is reduced to 157 by means of a 36,000 ohm fixed resistance, and the C voltage is had from the voltage drop across a 1300 ohm resistor in the negative B lead. 1 mfd. bypass condensers must be connected as shown in the diagram, to prevent oscillation at audio frequencies due to coupling through the resistances. The bypass condenser from the secondary of the input transformer to the filament need be a low voltage type, but the condenser from the B supply to the filament should be the same type as is used in the filter, for if the rectifier were to be turned on first, before the speech amplifier tube filament were lighted, the full output voltage of the rectifier would be impressed on the condenser, and if it were of the 200 volt d. c. type, it would quickly be ruined.

The necessary C voltage for the modulator tube can be had from C batteries, or by means of a 1500 ohm resistance in the negative B lead. The latter will give 30 volts negative grid, and when shunted with a 1 mfd. bypass condenser, the resistance will not cause any trouble from oscillation. A 100 millampere scale milliammeter in the modulator plate lead will indicate the degree of modulation.

Contrary to expressed opinion from many amateurs, this meter should not fluctuate violently when full modulation is obtained, but should show only a slight upward deflection. Violent agitation of the needle means distortion, usually heard as blasting at the receiving end. Many broadcasting stations pay little attention to this particular meter, but install a 0-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  millampere scale milliammeter in the C battery lead to the secondary of the modulator input transformer, and just as soon as the slightest deflection of the needle on this meter occurs, the volume is cut down, for grid current flow means rectification, and the distortion that goes along with it.

To economize on meters, the milliammeter in the modulator plate can be switched to the oscillator plate circuit, between the r. f. and the audio chokes, with a switch arranged to flop the meter from one plate lead to the other. When modulating strongly, the radiation current in the antenna circuit should rise slightly, although the fact that it does not rise will not arbitrarily mean that no modulation is taking place.

Should increased power for the transmitter be desired, the principal complication would be in the plate voltage supply, if rectifier tubes are still to be used. If the oscillator and modulator tubes are the new UX-852, or the DeForest types RO and RM, a special transformer having a higher voltage secondary for the plate, and 10 volt filament secondaries would be required, and the filter condensers would have to be capable of withstanding the maximum d. c. output of the rectifier. The chokes recommended for the  $7\frac{1}{2}$  watt installation would be suitable, as they will carry 350 milliamperes. A motor-generator or mercury arc rectifier would undoubtedly be the best solution of the plate supply, as rectifier tubes for 2500 volt output are scarce and expensive, to say the least.

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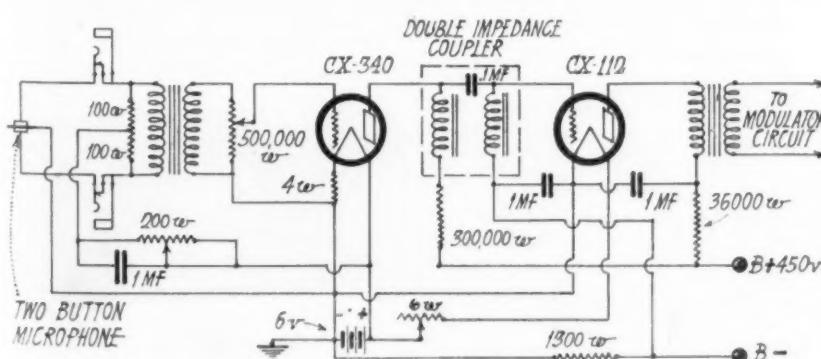


Fig. 2. Speech Amplifier for Double Button Microphone

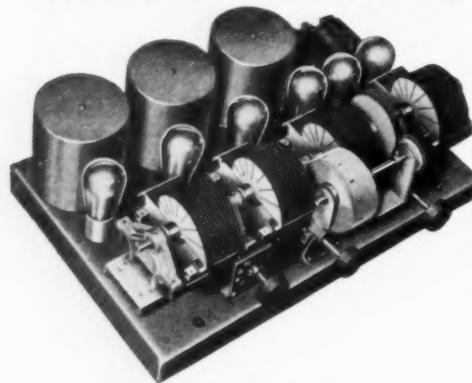
# Some of the New Factory-Built Receivers

## THE AMRAD LINE

The new Amrad Neutrodyne is made in various table compact and console models, housing either a six-tube or a seven-tube chassis. These receivers are manufactured under a R.C.A. license as well as under the Hazeltine and La Tour patents.

The six-tube chassis has three stages of neutralized tuned radio frequency, detector and two stages of transformer-coupled audio frequency amplification. Single control of its four tuned circuits is effected by connecting the rotors of four variable condensers with a single continuous shaft.

The condenser rotors are designed to give straight line wavelength tuning. Two rotor plates in each condenser sec-



Amrad Six-Tube Chassis.

tion are radially slotted so as to give independently adjusted segments which can be bent so as to make each of the four condensers identical in capacity. An air gap of .004 in. is provided between the rotor and stator plates.

Each of the r. f. transformers is enclosed in a cylindrical copper shield so as to prevent interstage magnetic and electrostatic coupling between the coils. The coil forms are moulded with grooves in which the enamelled wire is wound. Great care is exercised to produce uniform coils. The copper shielding is designed so that an exceedingly efficient r. f. transformer results. In addition to the individual shielding of each coil an outer shield is also provided.

By means of these various precautions, exceedingly stable operation is secured with a loop or antenna. The circuit constants have been chosen so as to give high amplification at the longer wavelengths or lower frequencies.

A fine characteristic is secured in the audio frequency system by using a turns ratio of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 in the first audio transformer and of 3 to 1 in the second. A novel feature of the audio amplifier is the use of a detector plate filter. This consists of a condenser and resistance so arranged that any resistance in the B batteries cannot be common to the

detector plate circuit at audio frequencies. Thus the harmful effects of regeneration at audio frequencies due to high resistance B batteries are entirely avoided.

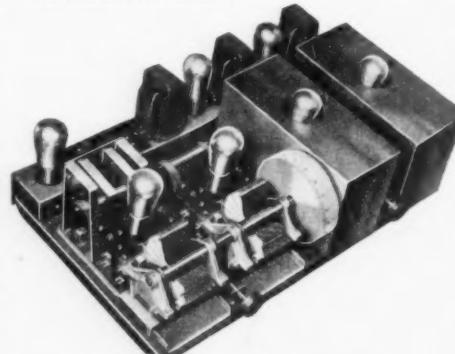
All models are equipped with an illuminated wavelength scale. In addition to the table compact model illustrated



Amrad Windsor Seven-Tube Compact.

the six-tube chassis is also contained in a console with an efficient built-in loud speaker of the rigid cone type, which gives no undesired resonant effects from cabinet cavities. The speaker is equipped with a filter which begins to cut off at 4000 cycles.

Besides the conventional filament battery and plate battery or socket power supply, one of the console models is equipped for a. c. operation. It uses four UX226 oxide filament tubes, one UX227 filter type and one UX171 power tube, together with the necessary step down transformer. The socket power rectifier and filter for plate supply uses a UX280 rectifier tube and Mershon condenser.



Amrad Seven-Tube Chassis.

The seven-tube chassis has four stages radio frequency amplification, one untuned and three tuned. It is doubly shielded, the entire r. f. system being housed in a heavy copper box. Tuning is accomplished by the same method as is employed in the six-tube model without need for any control auxiliary to the single dial. It gives extremely high amplification and great selectivity with either loop or outside aerial.

The audio amplifier is similar to that of the six-tube model except that an output transformer is included. The seven-tube chassis is furnished as a table compact, as a battery operated

console with built-in cone speaker and baffle board, or as a complete lamp-socket operated console using the new a. c. tubes.

## ALL-AMERICAN

The All-American Radio Corporation announces a new line of receivers for the 1927-1928 season. These are manufactured under license from the R.C.A. group and include five, six and seven tube models in various console, hiboy and cabinet mountings. Various styles are made for battery and batteryless operation.

The six and seven tube models employ the Rice system of neutralization for three or four stages respectively of tuned r. f. amplification. All are equipped for single drum-type control with indicator graduated in degrees and kilocycles.



Six-Tube A. C. Socket Power Receiver in Console with Built-in Loud Speaker.

The six tube a.c. socket power chassis is of rigid steel construction and is mounted in a drawer which can be pulled out so as to give easy access to the tubes. It uses UX226 tubes in the r. f. and first audio stage, a UX227 as detector, and a UX171 in the second stage of transformer coupled audio. The circuit is properly balanced for all antenna



Six-Tube Battery-Operated Cabinet Model.

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# The Aero-Seven Broadcast Receiver

Directions For the Easy Assembly of a Tuned R. F. Receiver Having Remarkable Selectivity, Sensitivity and Tone Quality

By Zeh Bouck

THE Aero-Seven broadcast receiver is a combination of time-tried circuits which are assembled so that the performance of the completed instrument closely conforms to the requirements for the present-day ideal receiver. These requirements include single dial control, 10 kilocycle selectivity, volume control in the r. f. circuit, and an audio amplifier worthy of the electrical efficiency secured in the rest of the set.

Single dial control is achieved by tandem tuning of carefully matched Aero coils by means of a compensated Amsco Triplet condenser. Stray inductive effects are avoided in the design of the coils and by the layout and design of the wiring shown in the pictures. The antenna is coupled to the first tube by a resistance connected between the antenna and ground so as to eliminate any effect from the antenna circuit on the first tuned circuit. The first r. f. tube therefore acts as an untuned r. f. amplifier.

The 10 kilocycle selectivity, 5 k. c. on each side of the fundamental fre-

quency is closely approximated throughout the broadcast waveband. Whatever broadening exists is due to reduced regeneration. The potentiometer volume control is designed to have no effect on the damping of the tuned oscillatory circuits.

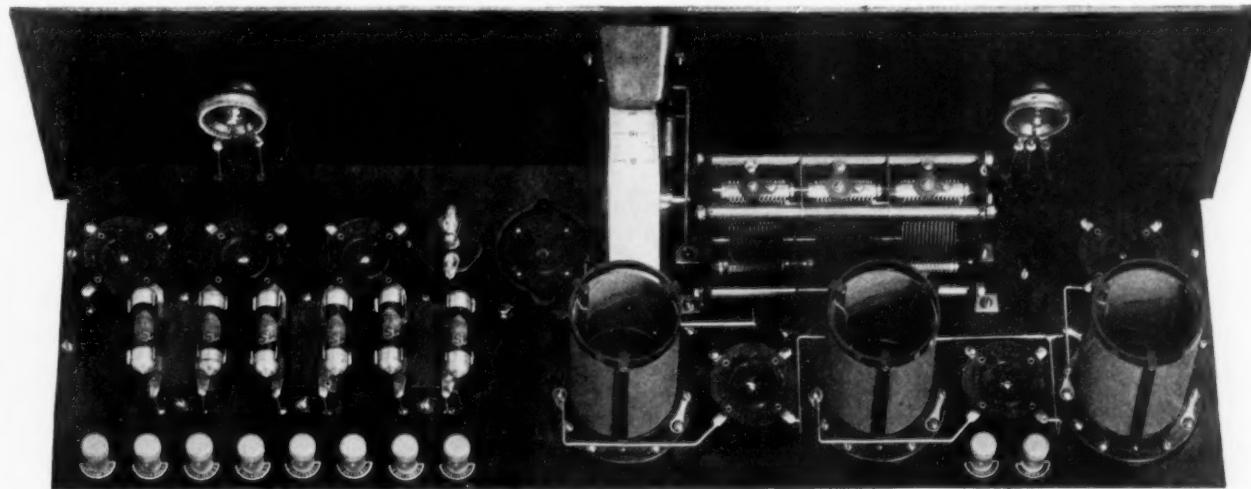
Audio amplification is effected by means of resistance coupling, which is acknowledged by most engineers to give the closest approach to distortionless amplification. The list of parts published herewith is that used in the receiver illustrated in the pictures and diagrams, which also indicate the method of construction more clearly than would a detailed word description.

The picture wiring diagram spreads the parts so as to show clearly the connections between them, irrespective of the exact spacing of the parts or the exact directions taken by the wires. Check your wiring against all illustrations and diagrams as the set nears completion.

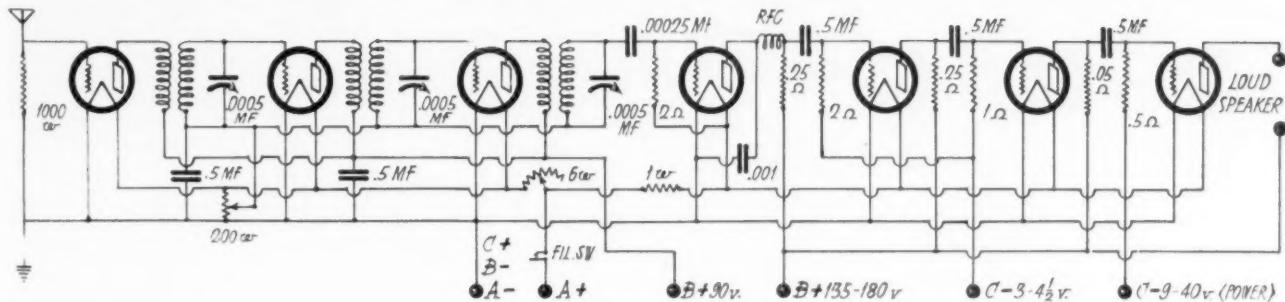
The condenser is mounted so that the compensating condensers are up. That is, with the shaft extending to the right and the rotors opening in toward the front panel. The correct instrument layout will be greatly facilitated by using the specially prepared front and subpanels. This receiver is not at all difficult to build—but any job worth doing



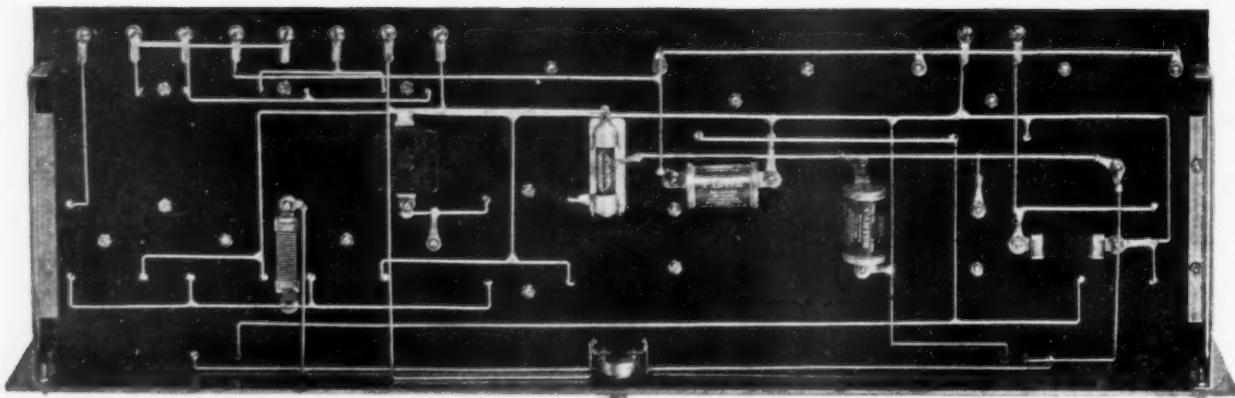
Panel View of Aero-Seven Receiver



Rear View of Aero-Seven Receiver



Circuit Diagram of Aero-Seven Receiver



Bottom View of Aero-Seven Sub-Panel

is worth doing well.

There is only one set of adjustments to be made on this receiver, and these are effected when it is completely finished and wired to the usual power sources for reception. These are the compensating condensers on the Amsco triplet condenser. The condenser leaves the factory with the compensators screwed down tightly. Turn these two full turns counter-clockwise. (It is desirable, in making all adjustments on the compensators, to use a wooden screw driver. This will eliminate over-compensation due to body capacity effects. Any small stick can be shaved down into a satisfactory tool.) Tune in a station, preferably a local. Adjust the compensators, one at a time, by screwing in, until the station tunes the sharpest. Retune with the main dial following every adjustment of the compensators. Temporary adjustment of compensator can be effected by pushing it down slightly with the wooden adjusting tool, while the main dial is tuned. This will show immediately what particular compensator should be screwed down. That is all there is to it. Once adjusted, the condenser need never again be touched.

Either Cunningham or R. C. A. tubes should be used in the Aero-7. Note that high mu tubes are used in the first five sockets. The Aero coils are designed to take advantage of the high amplification constant of 30 which characterizes these tubes. Radio frequency coils must be especially designed to do this. The second audio stage employs a 201-A tube to add additional stabilization to the amplifier, and to take care of unusual power surges. A 171 type power tube is used in the output stage to provide unusual volume without distortion. It is desirable, though not absolutely necessary, to couple this tube to the speaker through some output arrangement such as the Amsco Orthophone.

The operation of the Aero-7 is merely a matter of turning the tuning dial to the selected station, and adjusting the volume control to the desired point. The receiver will operate from any antenna, short or long, indoor or outdoor, excepting a loop. It will operate from A, B

and C batteries or eliminators, or any battery-eliminator combination.

#### LIST OF PARTS FOR AERO-SEVEN

- 1 Aero Seven Foundation Unit.
- 1 Aero TRF Kit, Code U-12 (3 coils).
- 1 Aero Choke No. 60.
- 1 Silver-Marshall Drum Dial.
- 1 Carter Battery Switch D.
- 1 Carter 200-ohm "IMP" Potentiometer.
- 1 Carter 6-ohm "IMP" Rheostat.
- 1 Carter H-1000 Resistor.
- 1 Carter H-1 Resistor.
- 1 Carter .00025 Mfd. Condenser with Clips.
- 1 Carter .001 Mfd. Condenser.
- 2 Carter  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mfd. Bypass Condensers.
- 10 X-L Binding Posts, Lettered—Aerial, Ground A+, A-, 2C-, B90+, Amplifier, B+, Speaker+, Speaker-.
- 1 Amsco Floating Socket.
- 6 Amsco Plain Sockets.
- 1 Amsco .0005 Mfd. Triple Condenser.
- 1 Amsco Grid Gate Mounting.
- 1 Amsco 5 Meg. Grid Gate.
- 1 Kit AMSCO Aero-7 Resistance Coupled Audio.
- Screw Assortment and Bus Bar.

#### HINTS ON WAVEMETER CONSTRUCTION

A WAVEMETER usually consists of a variable condenser, shunted across an inductance coil so as to comprise a tuned circuit. For use with an oscillating type receiver, such as a regenerative short wave set, the coil and condenser are the only pieces of apparatus required to make a first class wavemeter. When the instrument is to be used for measuring the wave of a transmitting station, however, some sort of indicating device must be added, and this usually takes the form of a thermocouple or hot wire milliammeter, placed in series with the inductance coil so that when the wavemeter tuned circuit is in resonance with the transmitter, current will be absorbed by the tuned circuit and the meter will indicate resonance by a deflection of the needle. A flashlight bulb can also be used, in place of the milliammeter, the brilliancy of the filament indicating the degree of resonance.

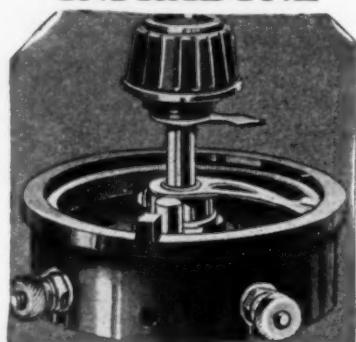
If the wavemeter is to be used to calibrate a non-oscillating receiver, it may be of the vacuum tube oscillator type, with filament and plate supply from the 60 cycle lighting circuit, or it may be the same as the conventional type of wavemeter, with a buzzer as a source of power. In this type of wavemeter, the condenser is adjusted so that the tuned

circuit is in resonance for any particular wavelength wanted, and sends out energy in the form of a modulated high frequency wave, which is picked up by the receiving set, and thus indicates the wavelength to which the receiver is to be adjusted.

In building a wavemeter, the principal points to remember are to use the highest grade variable condenser possible, consistent with the size of the pocketbook, and to wind the inductance coil so that it will be absolutely rigid and solid at all times. There is nothing worse in the way of a wavemeter than one having a condenser with loose bearings and end-play together with an inductance coil whose turns are loose, or terminals are wobbly, so that the wavemeter settings will never be the same twice in succession. The variable condenser should preferably be of the straight line frequency or wavelength type, depending on whether the wavemeter is to be calibrated in terms of frequency or wavelength.

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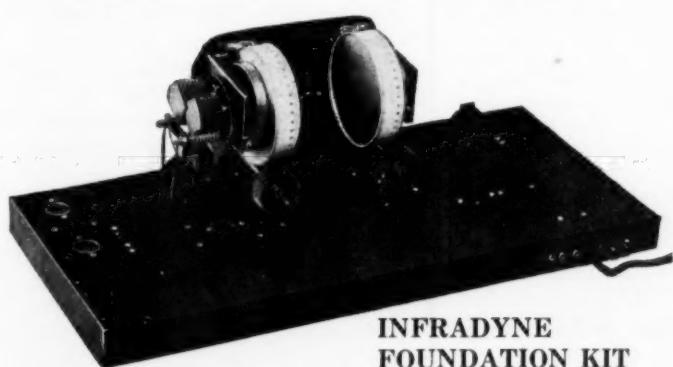
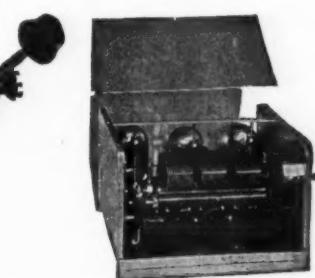


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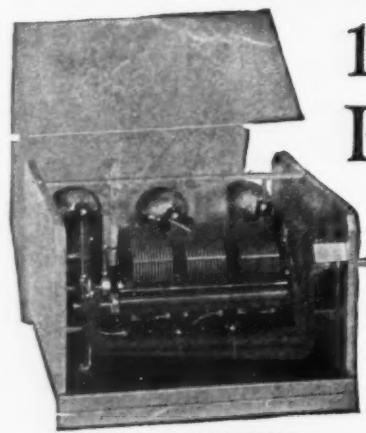
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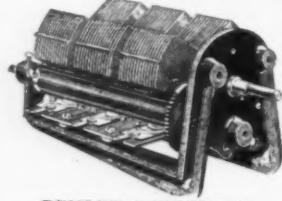
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got th' luck of a pink-whiskered goat!" whispers the Grouchy Gopher, at my back. "An' don't you dare fire her, now! I need a typewriter-clicker!"

"But!" I gasps, turnin' on him. "I never—"

Dumb McGurk suddenly comes to life.

"Miss, have you seen Mr. Hankins?" he exclaims, starin' at her from over his peaked nose. "A long, tall, dark, mysterious-lookin' man with a black mustache?"

Cuddle-up gives him an amused glance. "Sure, I know him," she replies, as easy as if she was speakin' to her grandmother. "He's promised to take me out to lunch, some time."

"Gosh!" says Dumb McGurk, his eyes wide open an' his tongue half hangin' out.

"Well, may hell burn me!" I mutters, under my breath.

"He said he'd give me forty dollars a week—and that there'd be somebody here to show me what to do," she continues, smilin' at me with her big brown eyes. "So here I am."

"You're to help me with makin' out invoices!" says th' Grouchy Gopher, suddenly takin' th' bit between his teeth an' throwin' me over his head. "I been doin' six men's work 'round this joint long enough. You come right in here to this old typewriter an' do your business!" He leads her away from there, leavin' me all dumbfounded.

Dumb McGurk twitches my sleeve.

"Mr. Jones," he whispers, incredulous-like, "do you think she could of seen Hankins? Th' real Mr. Hankins, with his black mustache—"

"Come on, roll your hoop!" I snaps, irritated-like. "How do I know? Maybe she has."

Cuddle-up claims she has come to us from th' iron foundry business, or something like that; but inside of two weeks she has fitted into our tube-sellin' system, like a pansy in a pot. The way she can wade through invoices an' orders makes us sit up an' take notice.

"She's a regular tube-bootlegger's angel," says the Grouchy Gopher, one day. "She runs the works, an' all I have to do now is help Dumb McGurk pack up tubes. Umph! You better stop takin' her to lunch all th' time, though. She'll be throwin' you with a marriage license, in another month."

"You mind your own business, you jealous old woodpecker!" I growls, savage-like. "I been wanderin' 'round th' world long enough, I guess. It's time I was thinkin' of gettin' a home an' a family."

Meanwhile, Old Kid Blennerkem is ringin' up my hotel telephone day an' night, an' nearly goin' into a fit, demandin' to see th' plaster-cast footprint

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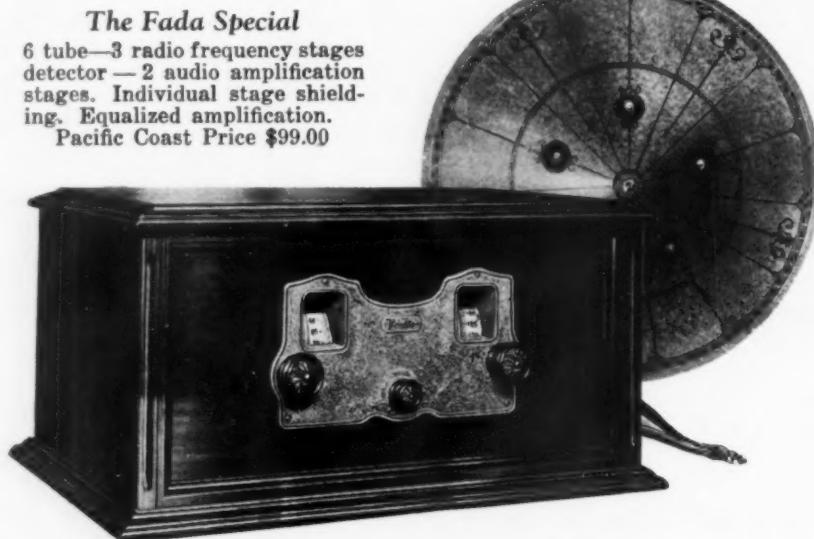
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of Hankins. Seein' I've got to do some-thin', I gets a big paper bag of plaster of Paris an' mixes it up with water in a small wooden box, in the packin' room; an' then I tries to get Dumb McGurk to plant his hoof in it. But McGurk thinks he smells some kind of a rat, an' he refuses to do it; so, disgusted-like, I sticks my own brogan into the hardening plaster, an' makes a big footprint.

"What's the funny idea, Sammy?" titters Cuddle-up, comin' out into the packin' room, an' catchin' me at this.

"It's for Old Kid Blennerkem, th' big boss of th' tube trust," I explains to her. "It's suppose to be a footprint of Hankins. When you're a detective, you gotta earn your money, someway."

"Gee, you're a kick, Sammy!" says Cuddle-up, pinchin' me on th' cheek. "You sure are a slick devil. You ought to be president yourself of the—what is it this week—The Mocking Bird Tubes, Inc."

"Named it after you—you're th' little mockin' bird in this joint," I says, mushy-like; an' then I adds, cautiously, "that is, I suggested it to Hankins—"

"Oh!" exclaims Dumb McGurk, droppin' a whole armful of tubes. "Have you seen Mr. Hankins?"

About this time, there is a sudden uproar, like a volcano goin' into action, back in our inner hole-in-th'-wall office; an' then out busts th' Grouchy Gopher, wavin' a letter an' lookin' wild as a maniac.

"Hey, Hank—Jones—Sam! What's this!" he yells at me, hoppin' up an' down, like a kangaroo with its tail in a trap; an' he starts readin' to me out of the letter, which I sees is from Newark,—

"Mr. S. P. Hankins, Pink-Tip Tube Company, Oakland, California, Dear Sir:—Umph!—Oowining to your delay in remitting check for your previous order—Umph! We remitted it—and considering that your business is unlisted in Bradstreet & Duns—Umph!—we have been compelled to ship C. O. D.—Umph!—C. O. D. your order No. 1215 for 25,000 201-X tubes marked Celebrated Yankee Doodle to Walnut Creek, California. We trust you will realize that in view of the precariousness of the tube industry, and in the face of the financial difficulties of our own, we felt—Umph!—so forth and so forth!"

"Well, may hell burn 'em—that's a dirty trick!" I growls, angrily. "We oughta let their blasted tubes lay in Walnut Creek an' rust!"

"But we ain't got a tube in th' place, an' there's all kinds of orders to be filled!" storms the Grouchy Gopher. "We got to have 'em! They're good tubes, too—not like some of them

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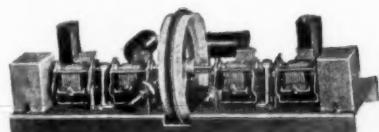
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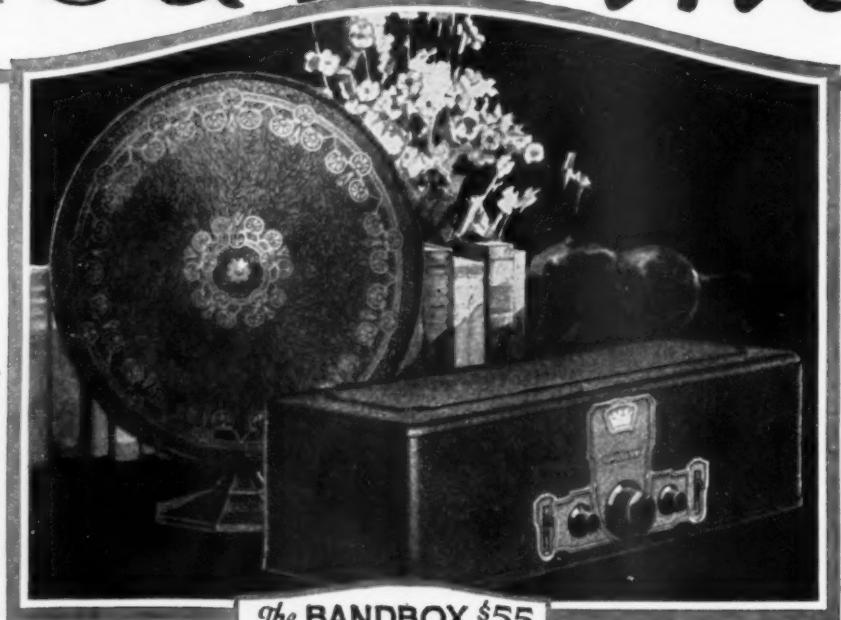
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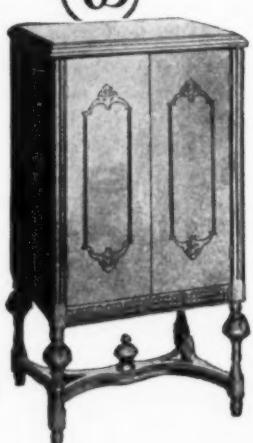
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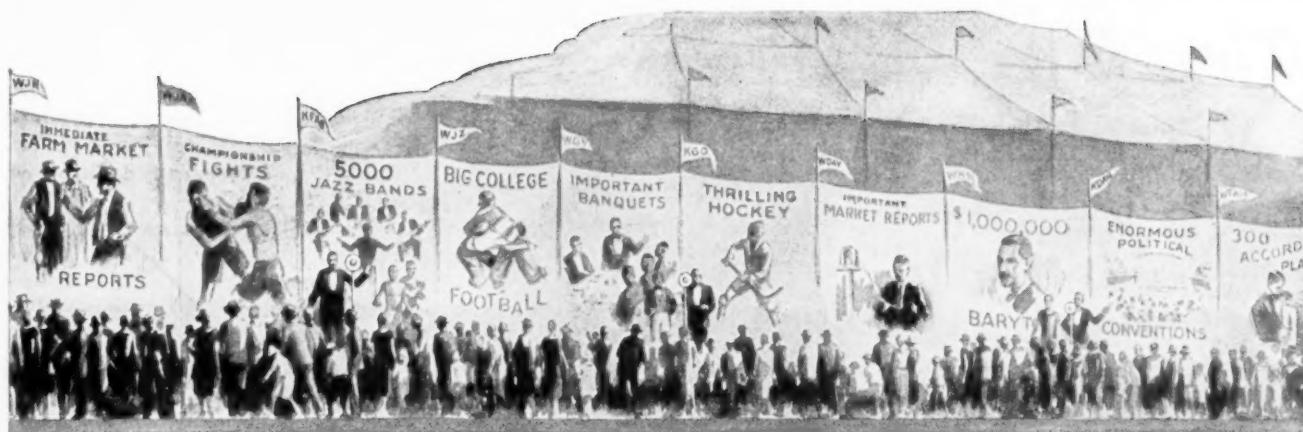
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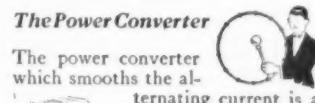
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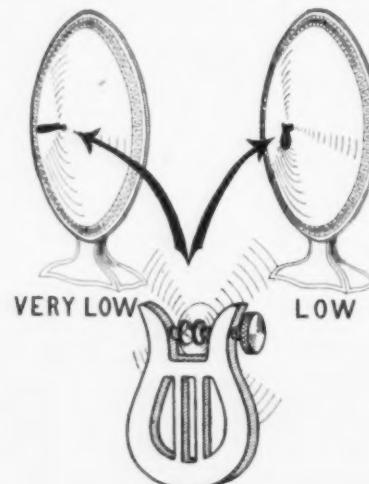


and meet various personal tastes. Two of the five new models, the "Adventurer" and the "Castle" are here illustrated. The former pictures a sailing ship cast in bas-relief with vivid natural colorings.



It stands 18 in. in height. The latter pictures a medieval castle with embattled turrets cast in relief and finished in two-tone bronze. Both employ a high-powered armature unit to drive a 17 in. free-edge cone protected by a metal rim.

The Willat cone modulator is intended to lower the tone of a cone type loud speaker. It is attached to the tip of the



cone by a single clamp. Its angle relative to the cone axis is adjustable, thus modifying the tone to that designed.

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squealin' peanut-wagon-whistles we've had around here! Umph!"

"Harrumph!" I says. "How much jack we got in th' corporation treasury?"

"Enough to lift the shipment," says the Gopher, consulting our check book. "But it'll take every last dollar! Every dollar!"

"All right!" I says, business-like. "You get the money out of the bank an' toddle out to Walnut Creek with th' trucks, right away. Meanwhile, I'll take my plaster-cast footprint of Hankins over to Old Kid Blennerkem an' collect a few hundred dollars of my private-detective salary, to carry us over."

"Gee, you're wonderful, Sammy!" says Cuddle-up. "Mr. Hankins ought to raise your wages, I think."

"Ahem," I replies, kind of embarrassed-like. "You know, kiddie, he said he would—if I would get married an' settle down—"

"Then you have seen Hankins?" demanded Dumb McGurk. "The long, dark—"

"Oh, go sit on your ear!" I snaps at him, short-like; an' I breezes off with my plaster footprint rolled in a newspaper.

This time, I finds Old Kid Blennerkem as joyful an' excited as a kid with a sackful of Christmas presents.

"Hurrah!" he gibbers, fairly fallin' on my neck. "Sam, I've cooked the Hankins goose! I've cooked the Hankins goose!"

"Huh!" I gasps, settin' my plaster-cast down with a bump on his desk.

"Oh, there it is!" exclaims Blennerkem, catchin' it up an' starin' at it. "Well, we hardly need it, now. Say, Sam, I've planted the prettiest little kewpie-doll of a detective right in the Hankins works—and she's floored him. By George, she's floored him. Got all kinds of signatures, secret photographs, papers, letters, fingerprints! Say, she knows about your footprint; and she's promised to bring the man right over here that fits it. Hankins himself! Been working on the case a month, and wouldn't let me say anything about it; but it's too good to keep! And she says I'm acquainted with Hankins. Says I'll know him when I see him! Whaddaya think of that, Sammy? Say, she's run rings all around you, as a detective, old boy. And you'd never think she knew a thing. Talk about a pretty baby. And what she knows about the bootleg-tube business! But you must have seen her over there, Sammy—bookkeeper, typewriter-girl, or something. Big brown eyes, cuddly, you know. You saw her over there, Sammy, eh?"

"Ahem!" I says, feelin' like I have drunk a milk-can full of hop. "Yes, I think I've seen her."

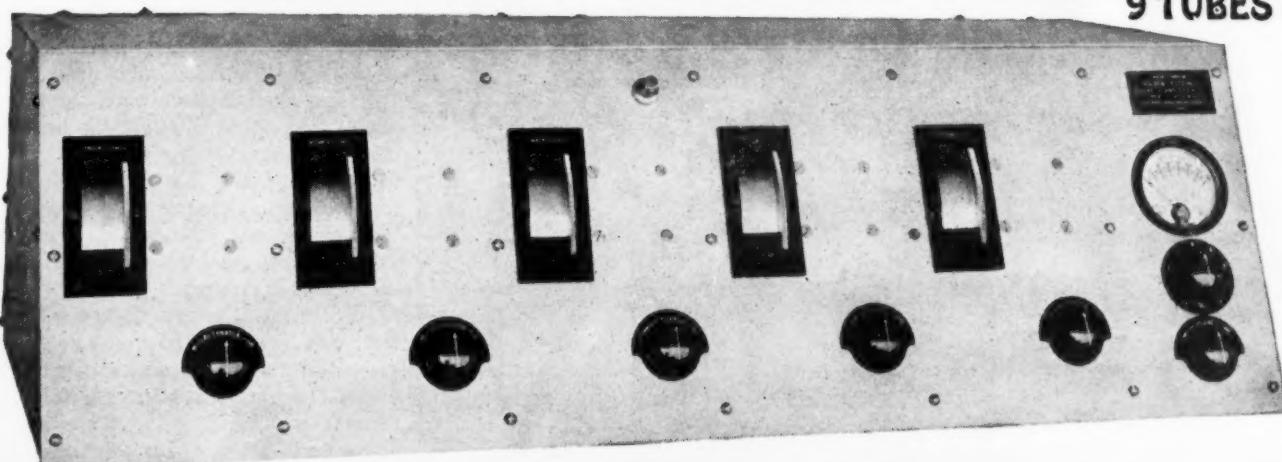
"And say, I haven't told you the best of it, yet!" blabbers Blennerkem. "You

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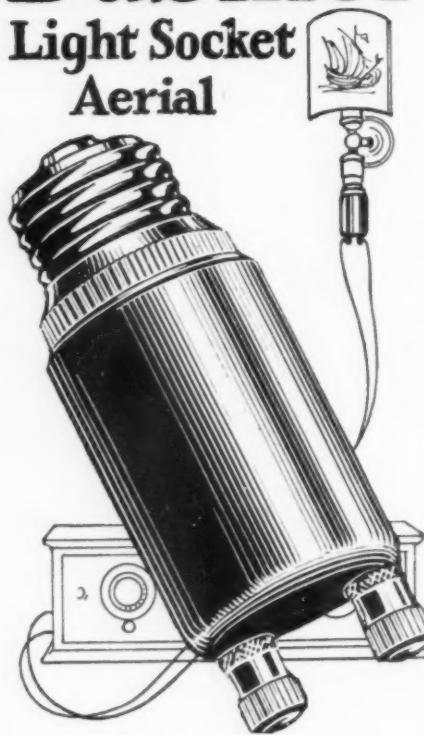
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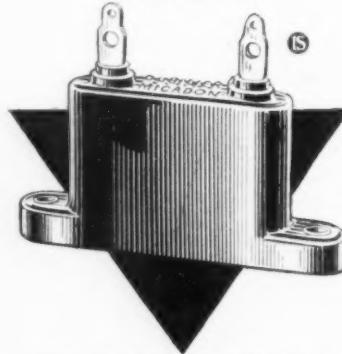


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know, she located the address of the outfit back in Newark that was furnishing the tubes. Took her only three days. My office in New York went and slapped an injunction right on them. They cleared out with their machines; and then we stamped 'em into selling their capsized layout to us for a sandwich—just about. Little Tillie held back one of Hankins' big checks, till we got in on the ground floor, and it fell right into our lap. Great stuff, eh, Sammy?"

"Yeh, great, all right," I mutters, sinkin' into a chair, like a scuttled ship in a China typhoon.

"But wait, I've got a better one to tell you!" chortles Blennerkem, holdin' his sides, like he is goin' to bust. "This damn Hankins wires for 25,000 tubes; he was paying a dollar-thirty and expressage. Har, har, har, heet, hee! We packed up 250 big cartons full of newspapers and bricks and shipped 'em C. O. D.! C. O. D., \$33,000. Haw, haw, haw, can you beat it, Sammy? Tillie's idea! Ain't it a banana! Har, har, har, har, hee, hee, hee—by George, ain't it a raspberry on ice—say, what's the matter, are you going to pass out?"

"Yeh—er, no, I got an attack of leprosy or somethin'—comes on me every once in a while. I think I better go home!" I gasps.

"Be sure to be here tomorrow and have a look at Hankins!" sings out Blennerkem, as I stagger out through the door. "I'll bet he'll look sick. Haw, haw, haw, hee, hee, hee! Oh, my stars!"

When I gets back to the dump, I finds the Grouchy Gopher rippin' open the cartons from Walnut Creek an' raisin' a tornado of newspapers an' bricks; while Dumb McGurk is standin' by, with his mouth open about a yard.

"Ye gods!" howled the Gopher, jumpin' around, when he sees me. "What's this, anyway?"

"I guess it's th' end of th' world," I groans.

"Umph! I'm going back to Newark," says the Grouchy Gopher, dustin' off his vest an' reachin' for his hat.

"You can ride with me in my old gas-bus as far as Kansas," says Dumb McGurk. "That's where I come from and that's where I'm goin' back to."

I journeys with th' Gopher an' McGurk up into Nevada; for I am feelin' a longin' fer th' hills an' woods, far away from th' roarin' cities full of tube-trusts an' deceivin' females. All the while, Dumb McGurk sits at the loose-jointed wheel of his ancient gasoline-hack, with a perplexed frown on his freckled beak.

"Say!" he exclaims, comin' to a jarin' stop an' turnin' around to look at me. "What has become of Hankins?"

"Ahem," I says, sadly. "Hankins has died."

"Oh," sighs McGurk; an' we goes chuggin' onward.

## STORAGE BATTERIES

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"ball floats," but generally three are used. They are held in a glass compartment at one end of the transparent case, so that they will not float around loose in the battery solution. They are of different colors; and they are weighted in such a manner that one ball will sink to the bottom of the battery when the battery is fully charged, another when the battery is half discharged, and the third will sink only when the battery is completely discharged. The floating of the differently-weighted colored balls is due to the differences in the density of the battery solution at the various conditions of charge and discharge. The differences in the density or weight of the battery solution is due to variations in the amount of acid in the solution, which in turn is governed by the state of charge of the battery. The density or weight of the battery solution as compared to that of chemically pure water is measured in terms of specific gravity. When the battery is fully charged, there is more acid in the solution than when the battery is discharged. The specific gravity of a fully charged lead-acid storage battery is 1.280, which means that the battery solution has a density 1.28 times the density of distilled water. Likewise, the specific gravity of a nearly discharged battery is about 1.175, and that indicates that most of the acid has gone out of the solution and into the plates, forming lead sulphate. The ball float type of hydrometer is coming into quite general use because it is so much handier and easier to read than the ordinary bulb-type hydrometer.

The lead terminals on storage batteries are liable to corrode. The white, moist powder that collects on the posts should be wiped off as it collects. This powder can be kept from adhering to the posts by thinly coating them with automobile grease.

Why is it that radio set owners make such a fuss about putting a little distilled water in their storage A batteries; and yet willingly and religiously remove the floor boards from their automobiles once a week and put water in their car batteries, although they have almost to tie themselves in knots and stand on their heads to do so? A radio storage battery can be ruined just as quickly and thoroughly as an automobile battery if it is not given a drink occasionally.

A regular bulb filler is very handy to use to add distilled water to a storage battery, and is quite inexpensive to buy. A bulb filler is a large rubber bulb connected to a short, hard-fibre tube. The bulb holds about a half pint of water. Filling a battery from a bottle is a sloppy, messy business, as most battery owners have found out. The distilled

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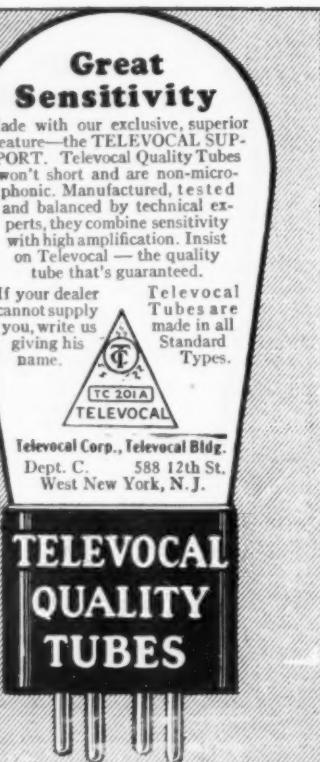
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#### REMOTE CONTROL BY RADIO

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shown in the picture of the receiver set-up. It could be made to follow keying at 30 words per minute on a current of less than a milliamper, so there was a reasonable factor of safety. The relay was connected across the key in a conventional automatic starting system.

The lower contact screw of the relay was replaced by a carbon contact, to make sure that the contacts would not stick. Sticking contacts on the relay would be as disastrous as a howling receiver. A 1 mfd. condenser was placed across the operating coil of the relay, to fill out the hollows in the rectified audio-frequency. Its use nearly doubled the d. c. reading of the output meter.

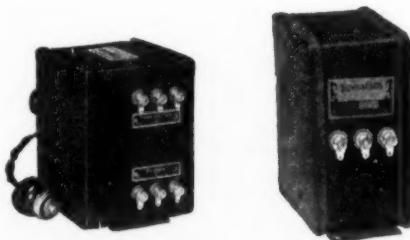
Considerable difficulty was at first experienced from interference of the 40-meter transmitter, which was about 10 feet from the control receiver. A cure was finally effected by putting 1 mfd. by-pass condensers across the B eliminator supply, right at the receiver. Later it was found that leaving the ground off the filaments of the receiver eliminated the trouble. Tuning the antenna circuit of the set helped greatly to increase the d. c. output.

Static did not present any particular difficulty in the operation of the system. The signal to noise ratio was so great that only local lightning storms operated the relay. Ordinary noise did not kick the output meter more than .7 or .8 of a milliamper, and the Bunnel relay was set above this. The contacts of all relays were well cleaned, and, where necessary, condensers and resistors were used to soak up sparking. If sparking were present, it would be picked up on the receiver, and the noise passed through to the relay, where it would hash up the transmission.

The control transmitter at 8ALK consisted of an H tube working into a loose-coupled Hartley circuit, on 150 meters. The input to the tube was 25 watts from a synchronous rectifier. The antenna was a single wire 65 ft. long, and was worked above the fundamental to allow a comparatively large antenna current—around one ampere. At short distances it seems that the signal strength is more or less proportional to the antenna current at the transmitter. A small condenser with a 2-ft. wooden handle was placed in parallel with the primary condenser of the transmitter. If for any reason—weather, changing voltage, etc.—the system failed to operate, it was pretty certain that the wave had shifted. By listening on the 40-meter wave and changing the vernier adjustment on the 150-meter control transmitter, it was possible to get the system in operation again. Of course, the ideal way would be to use crystals on the control receiver and transmitter,

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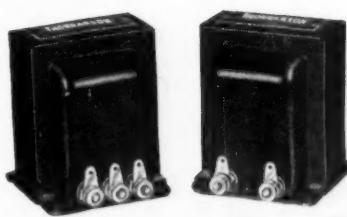
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ground to give a 1000 cycle beat note.

The picture of the layout at 8CAU shows why it was desired to control the transmitter there. The antenna is a single semi-vertical wire, running from the radio room below the tower on the right to a rope swung between the towers. In the picture of the transmitters, the one on the right is an embryo 80-meter crystal-controlled outfit. The H tubes on the 40-meter transmitter, to the left, have expired since the picture was taken. In their place are two UX-852 tubes in the last stage, and the intermediate stage has been cut out; the output is as good as ever.

This scheme might well be used by the members of a radio club. They could pool their resources to build an ether-buster in an ideal location and each member could operate it from his own small station. This would open up some interesting possibilities. There would be as many logs for the station as there are operators; an operator would find difficulty in forwarding a message that had been received at the station by another operator; some consideration would have to be given to call letters. Suppose two operators tried to use the station at the same time!

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#### R. F. AMPLIFIER TUNER

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coils to the condensers were made with No. 14 insulated wire, so that the leads would be strong enough to act as supports for the coils. A variable trimmer condenser of .000025 mfd. was shunted across the antenna secondary coil, to supplement the variable mica trimmers.

In adjusting the three tuned circuits, a local station is tuned in, and the center coil is disconnected. If the station can still be heard, the third coil, at the right hand end of the group, looking at it from the front of the panel, is moved slightly by bending the connecting wires, until the signal disappears. The second coil is then restored to the circuit, and adjusted so as to produce the best possible condition of selectivity, consistent with signal strength.

The three condensers in the gang mounting should be lined up by varying the mica trimmers with the wooden screwdriver, until the stations are heard at only one point on the dial. If there are several pronounced humps in the tuning, for any given station, the condensers are out of line. Sometimes this is indicated by a broadness of tuning, without noticeable humps; when properly lined up, the stations should tune in and out with knifelike selectivity.

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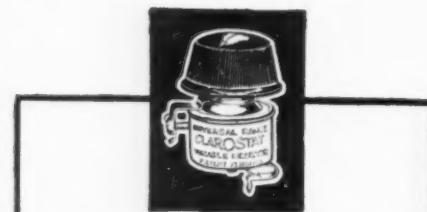
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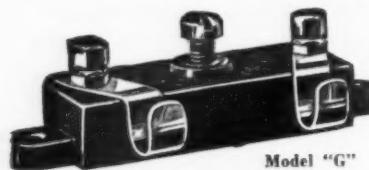
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## CLICKLESS TRANSMITTER

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telegraph key, knowing that the dots and dashes are firm and steady on a full power transmitter. One pair of contacts does the keying. One pair opens the receiving antenna, as a receiving antenna picks up so much energy that 40 meter receiving tubes are burned out otherwise. The third pair of contacts is used to close the circuit, operating  $M_1$ , a 110 volt solenoid which tips the arc. When the arc strikes, DC flows through  $A$  as explained above, also through choke  $H_5$  and the coils of relay  $M_2$ , an old telegraph sounder. When the DC flows,  $M_2$  opens two sets of contacts, one set opening the starting key around  $H_4$ , and the other contact opening the circuit to solenoid  $M_1$ , allowing the arc tube to right itself by means of a spring.

If, as occasionally happens, the arc does not start on the first dot, the next one coming along the key will start it. Thus to send, simply send, and to receive, simply receive. The key does everything except to turn the filament of the tube off and on.

On 5-meter tests, an automatic transmitting dial of the omnigraph type is used. Thus the writer can go out in the car to listen, or mow the lawn, knowing that if the arc stops it automatically starts immediately, allowing maximum convenience in testing with minimum amount of attention.

Just to stave off a lot of questions, the descriptions of some of the other parts of the circuit are as follows:

$H_1$  keeps the filament steady. It consists of 50 turns No. 12 DCC wire on a 1 in. iron core. It is tapped every turn, and by moving the clips during transmission, a point will be found where the filament voltmeter remains steady during transmission.

The receiving set is still the 30 meter Browning Drake receiver described in February 1927 RADIO.

The 110 volt pilot light indicates when the arc is out. This light is next to the key, simply indicating that the arc is out and one dot will not go out over the air.

$C_1$  and  $C_2$  are National TM 150 transmitting condensers.

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$R_1$  are 5 Lynch 100,000 ohm resistances (wire wound) in series so that a voltage charge will leak off from the 1 mfd. filter condensers forming the filter. This resistance draws but a very few mils, and will save many shocks when working on the transmitter.

$H_1$ ,  $H_4$  and  $H_5$  are all 110 volt iron core chokes with closed cores.

$F_1$  are 1 amp. fuses.  $F_2$ , half amp. fuses.  $F_3$ , 15 amp. fuses.

$RF_3$  is similar to  $RF_2$  without the thread spacing.

$R_2$  is 5000 ohm, and  $R_3$  is a 110 volt filament rheostat.

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$X$  and  $Y$  form four variations of power. 100 ma, 200 ma, 300 ma and 400 ma, controlled by choke  $H_4$ .

In all, the transmitter is very convenient and flexible, making for enjoyable transmission. Reports of R-9 have been received from Japan, Philippines, Australia and Chile. As high as 12 European cards in one mail have appeared at times reporting reception of 6AM. Withal it is clickless, and the more we are able to work along the development of high power transmitters, minimizing the difficulties, the better amateur radio will become.

#### AMATEUR RADIO TELEPHONY

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In closing, a remark about the use of single button microphones is in order. Don't climb into the mouthpiece and shout at the top of your voice, to get your message across. Keep at the same distance as you would when talking into your wire telephone on a local conversation, and use sufficient speech amplification to give you the power at the modulator input which you may require. The volume control at the output of the microphone will give you smooth control over the total amplification, and by watching the modulator plate milliammeter, you can obtain the best possible quality with the equipment you have on hand. Don't increase the current through the microphone above 125 milliamperes unless you have one specially designed for high current flow, for the carbon grains will soon pack, and may burn out entirely. If you have a motor-generator set, keep it in a sound proof box, or in another room from the microphone, for it is surprising how much noise can be picked up by the microphone and sent out on the carrier, when the generator is not properly muffled.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

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service to the public. It is also subject to local legislation when it becomes a local noise nuisance. Copyright material should not be broadcast without the consent of the owner thereof. Radio is amenable to the laws of libel and slander.

These excerpts indicate the subject matter discussed. The Radio Act of 1927 is analyzed. The general principles of international law affecting radio are summarized. The entire text should be of interest and value not alone to lawyers but to anyone having to do with the transmission and reception of radio.

"Drakes Radio Encyclopedia" by Harold P. Mawly, 870 pp. 6 by 9 in., 950 illustrations. Published by Frederick J. Drake Co., Chicago, Ill.

Seldom is any subject so comprehensively and practically explained as is that of radio in this volume. Its alphabetical arrangement, while somewhat disjointed for continuous reading, makes it an easy reference text. It contains a great mass of useful information which is clearly and adequately presented in a non-technical style. The author has displayed an unusual excellence of judgment in his choice of individual subjects which are given extensive treatment and in the brevity or omission of non-essential material. It will be found of value by the set-builder and designer, the service and repair man, the experimenter and the student, and the set owner and operator. It is unqualifiedly the most complete and simplest book for the novice which has yet been reviewed in these columns. With a foundation of the knowledge here so well presented the serious reader is well-prepared to study the more advanced texts. Contrary to the usual text book it is little concerned with obsolete equipment and is well up to date on recent developments in socket-power devices, a. c. tubes, and standard circuits.



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### MARINE RADIO

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similar opinion of broadcasting programs, which broke up their traffic, so that honors were about equally divided.

It was in these trying times that necessity, as the novelist would have it, gave birth to the vacuum tube transmitter for radio telegraphic work. The first transmitter of this type for commercial telegraphic use in this country, was installed at Marion, Mass. It was operated on 2200 meters, and remotely controlled from the receiving station at Chatham, some 55 miles away. A few of the transatlantic passenger vessels were by this time equipped with either arc or tube transmitting equipment for continuous-wave operation. In short order the shipboard operators, as well as those at Chatham, were astounded at the remarkable distances covered with the continuous-wave vacuum-tube transmitters. The larger ships began to use the long-channel almost exclusively for their traffic, and it became necessary to provide additional receiving channels at the Chatham station. The shipboard transmitter could then be quickly shifted from 2100 meters (the usual calling wave used by ships) to 2,000, 1900, 1800, etc. Thus Chatham could receive from three ships and transmit to a fourth vessel all at the same time.

It will therefore be noted that the use of CW (continuous-wave) vacuum-tube transmitters not only increased the range of marine communication, but greatly facilitated the movement of traffic due to the possibilities in multiplex operation. Also, a heavy load was removed from the shorter wavelengths, aiding the smaller ships in clearing their traffic.

The increased range also made unnecessary the further operation of numerous stations along the Atlantic Coast. The Bar Harbor station practically ceased commercial activities; stations at Rockland, Me., Newport, Siasconset, New London, Babylon, and Cape Cod were closed.

As the radio broadcasting activities rapidly expanded, the elimination of spark stations on land was pushed with all possible speed. The 5-kw. spark transmitter at Bush Terminal gave way to a tube transmitter. The Chatham station was expanded by the addition of two 5-kw long-wave transmitters, installed at Marion, and two short-wave transmitters at the station itself. The Tuckerton station, replacing Cape May, used a 5-kw. vacuum tube transmitter. A 1-kw. set replaced the 5-kw. spark at Boston. The same type set replaced spark equipment at Galveston. Apparatus similar to that of Chatham replaced spark sets at San Francisco, and a special CW set was installed at Los Angeles. The Chicago coastal station for the Great Lakes was provided with tube

equipment similar to that at Galveston and New York. And thus all RCA coastal stations did away with spark transmitters and their former interference with broadcast entertainment. The Army, the Navy and the Coast Guard, during the past year, have also made remarkable progress in eliminating spark interference, so as to round out a nearly ideal condition.

Let me add, however, that the coastal or land station end has been only one part of the huge task of bringing marine radio up to the very peak of present-day efficiency. There has remained the major part of equipping and re-equipping the many ships with the vacuum-tube apparatus, so the advantages of continuous-wave transmission might be enjoyed at both ends. It has been no easy matter to discard the hundreds upon hundreds of spark and other obsoleted transmitters in use on ships, in favor of the new tube sets. The investment represented in the older types, together with the expense of the new equipment and the vast production called for, has tended to make the change more or less gradual. So that new installations have been of the new tube type, while some 300 existing spark transmitters have been rebuilt into the modified tube type to minimize the cost of the change-over. Engineers of the Radio Corporation of America, the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Company have shown no little ingenuity in converting existing spark sets into tube transmitters. The spark transmitter elements of the usual transmitter have been replaced in large part by the vacuum tube elements, to form an ICW (Interrupted Continuous Wave) transmitter, comparing favorably with pure CW and representing at least 100 per cent improvement in performance over the former spark transmitter.

The work of equipping and re-equipping in the change from spark to vacuum tube has been going on steadily during the past two years. Already several hundred ships are equipped with vacuum tube apparatus or will be very shortly. Spark signals are becoming a rarity, except for the occasional small foreign ship which comes into an American port and proceeds to squat on the 450-meter or 600-meter channels in un-leading its traffic amid a world of broadcast entertainment, and also a few coastal stations still operating with spark transmitters.

Vacuum tube transmission has more than justified the fondest expectations. With the vast increase in distances spanned, ships are now keeping in touch with the land stations on the transatlantic course, even beyond the half-way mark across the ocean. Coastwise ships have little difficulty in maintaining contact with Tuckerton even to the Caribbean and beyond. The static-infested

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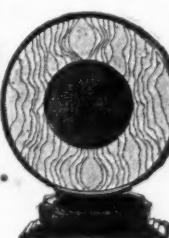
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In 1918, just entering the profession as second operator on the Pacific Mail Panama run out of San Francisco, I was full of awesome admiration for the old-timers in the game who were sailing on big off-shore passenger vessels and round-the-world freighters. After a four or five months' cruise, entailing sojourns in half a dozen or more such ports as Honolulu, Yokohama, Shanghai, Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Antwerp, London and New York, one of them would make a casual landing at the radio service company's waiting room (known as the static room) drop an overstuffed Shanghai suitcase in a corner, loosen a slightly superior glance for a possible friend at the row of envious, potential sailors tilted back against the wall in chairs, and then seek out his mail in the nest of A to Z pigeon holes over the desk. Interest in him was not entirely romantic; he might be quitting his ship and one of us might be chosen to take her out!

Salty Noble, with quite a few years of sea life behind him, excited my respect and envy with his apparently good natured contempt for the life of a sailor. He had all that seemed desirable to me then: experience and an experienced man's choice of ships and runs. I felt that his depreciatory air was pure pretense, that he really loved the life, for I could conceive of no other attitude.

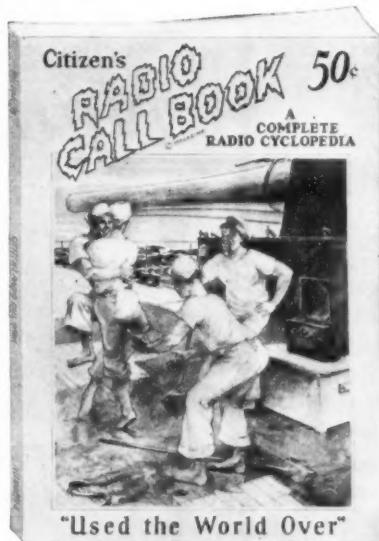
While waiting for a conference with the chief operator in the inner sanctum, Salty took the opportunity to impress some of us "lids" (the stigmatic sobriquet an old-timer uses for the beginner) with the potency and flavor of one of his recent adventures. His own pretended disdain of the importance of the adventure was humbly accepted by us as the logical complement of his greater experience. He was a big fellow, wearing a brown suit that seemed to wrap him up rather than fit him and most of his attack upon life was apparently centered upon the chewing of an inevitable cigar—one felt he would be helpless without it.

His ship, the *Western Navigator*, has stood by the wooden, war-period built vessel *Coos Bay*, while she sank in the Gulf of Tehuantepec, and rescued the entire crew, putting them ashore at Corinto, Nicaragua. It was on the night "twelve-to-four" watch and Salty was conscientiously pounding an ear in his bunk, a sport at which, if you believe his shipmates, all operators should be very skilful, considering the great amount of practice they get, when the second mate, drowsing about on the bridge, sighted the lights of another steamer nearby. A few minutes inspection convinced him that she was acting queerly. So he sent a quarter-master to rouse a reluctant Salty from entirely adequate bed springs.

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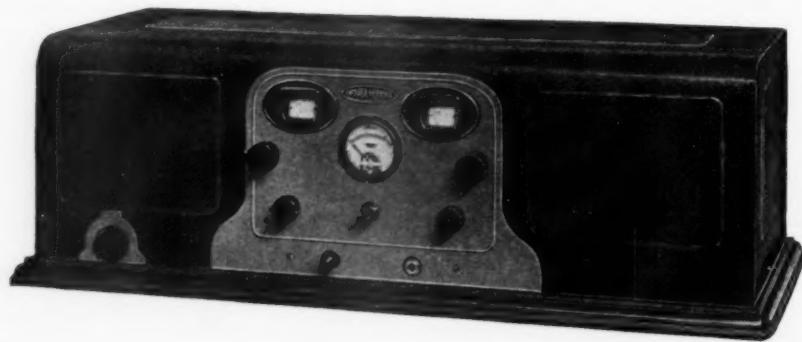
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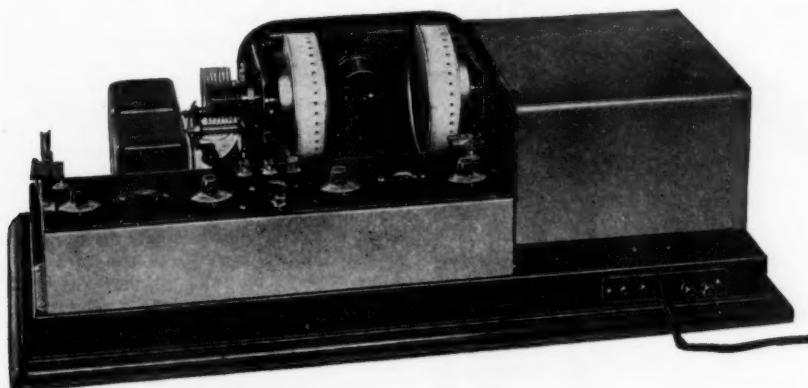
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but he still chewed desperately upon a cigar and wore clothes of sombre hue. He happened to be casting about for a ship before his rapidly dissolving pay-day had joined a hundred other similar pay-days.

A penniless radio operator off the water is as helpless as the fish out of it. Barring the few jobs in shore stations that handle traffic with ships there are only two fields that lie within his own special province open to him and neither of these is very satisfactory. He may compete with amateur electricians servicing broadcast receivers for retail radio dealers—only a starvation job if he does succeed in landing it—or, he may be lucky enough to connect with a slightly better paid and more dignified position, that of radio operator in a broadcast station. But even this isn't remunerative or absorbing enough for the operator with an encrustation of salt upon his frame and it is more than likely that he will soon have a rhythmically heaving deck under him again. With a great sigh of relief he once more resumes his brass pounding, especially if he hasn't had any better income during his last few days on the beach than the meager and disastrous one involving Hebrews and pawn tickets.

The true radio operator loves his work. I distinguish between the true operator and his less fortunate brother because there are many who follow the sea for a year or two "under protest." It was usually a feeling for romance that sent them all off to sea in the first place. But the majority were quickly cured of the malady because no tangible results accrued. Real or imagined inability to make a living ashore keep these on the water.

But a few others, though they obtain no career from the life, as is the case in England's merchant marine, derive much thrill and satisfaction from the work itself. This thrill and satisfaction must be what is referred to by the people, not always old ladies, who ask: "My, isn't your work interesting?" An operator can rely upon this question nine times out of ten from a stranger.

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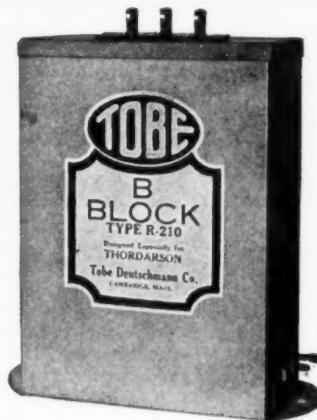
The wavelength bands allotted to ship work are extremely overcrowded and this is particularly unfortunate in areas where there are very many ships, like in the North Atlantic. At night the man at sea usually has anywhere from half a dozen to forty ship and shore stations assaulting his ears at once, and out of the melee he is able to pick perhaps two or three, the remainder interfere too much with one another. Add to this radio's arch enemy "Old Man Static" and you have a state of affairs that often amounts to a serious problem when one's ship is many hundreds of miles off shore and there is traffic to get through.

The less experienced, or less intelligent, rely almost entirely upon obstinacy; at the expense of much wasted electric current (which means oil to the chief engineer) and useless interference to others, he calls and calls and calls, with the single desperate thought in his mind to get his message off, until finally a shore station answers him. But the prideful operator squanders a little thought upon the situation before he starts closing switches. When he does go on the air he will have chosen the moment to wedge in a call that he feels will be productive of the most good, either to clear his own traffic with a shore station or, providing he is strategically situated, relay for another ship. Some confident and hard working operators will even gather

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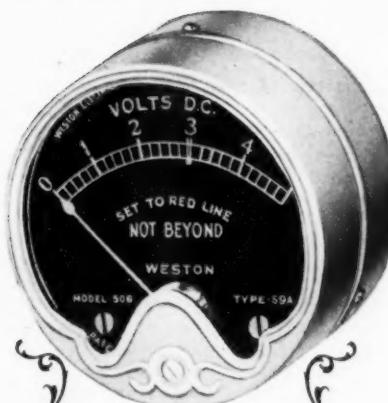
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up a string of messages and position reports from near-by ships in the day time, promising to relay to a coastal station before morning. One good operator on the ocean is often responsible for a dozen "lids" having their position reports in the morning papers.

This is work that is highly remunerative in achievement for the man who loves to operate and knows how. It is conceivable, given an ocean of alert and experienced operators, that any one station would seldom seriously interfere with any other station. This would eliminate the great amount of repeating of calls and messages that is caused by such interference and all business would be cleared in less than half the time required at present. It is something for conscientious operators to shoot at but there is much to discourage him.

I have seen Pat Hale, who was an old-timer when I made my first trip in 1918, chuck pencil and headphones into a corner, lean back in his chair and with righteous indignation direct a stream of picturesque oaths against some unseen lid, many miles away, who had opened up his transmitter at a moment that proved disastrous for Pat and of no earthly use to the lid.

The most that usually gets out on the air is an emphatic QRT, which is an international abbreviation for "please stop sending." It is a sad fact that QRT seldom does any good. Yet, in spite of his extreme troublesomeness (his superiority in numbers keeps the ocean's radio air almost perpetually in turmoil) and the contempt with which he is regarded when he is no more than a series of dots and dashes, ashore the old-timer forgets all about it and accepts him affectionately as one of his own trade.

A necessary factor in the above mentioned ideal state of affairs is economy in the use of words and letters that made up the words. Such economy is productive of a feeling of power in the operator, sometimes almost amounting to a passion with him. Now that long distance work is commonplace and short wave communication has taken all the wind out of his records, next to the exercise of his judgment, he relies upon abbreviated expression for a feeling of accomplishment. He cultivates a brisk and snappy style that uses only the barest essentials necessary to establish communication and clear the traffic on the hook.

I once overheard an exchange of signals between the Motor-Ship *Admiral Peary* KPL and the Federal Telegraph Station KEK at Portland, Oregon, when KPL was entering that port which illustrates this jaunty pride in economy so characteristically American. To start off KPL merely touched his key to make a short dash and the Portland KEK operator, divining that some one wanted to communicate with him, countered with a similar dash. KEK didn't know who KPL was, yet, but he knew that KPL could distinguish him by his proximity and the note of his set. The various shore stations are usually identifiable to operators by the nature of the tone of their transmitters. The *Admiral Peary* then sent her call letters: KPL. If he had had a message for the Portland station he would have sent it. As it was, Portland (KEK) understood that he had nothing for him and was only anxious to know if the shore station had anything for the ship. KEK had nothing so he sent N, abbreviation for NIL, abbreviation for I have nothing for you. KPL closed the affair with TU which stands for Thank you. He might have used TNX which stands for the same thing.

Of course, this extreme case was only possible over a short distance and in the day-time when the air is comparatively quiet. Perhaps nine-tenths of the work is done at night. But a lid would have followed the conventional manner and first established communication by calling KEK three times and signing KPL

three times. Then, after receiving an answer, he would have repeated the six calls and said QRU or NIL, meaning the same thing, and QTC? Have you anything for me? KEK, gauging his degree of skill by all this would very likely have sent: KPL, KPL, de KEK NIL. Then the lid might have condescended to shorten the preamble of his acknowledgement by only repeating each group of call letters once. Probably about fifty characters would have been transmitted back and forth whereas in the instance cited only six and two short dashes were required and a thank you included besides.

This is a story about another operator entering Portland, a Japanese operator this time. KEK asked him a question in English because he wasn't able to cover it with an international abbreviation. The Japanese was silent for a couple of minutes during which time he was doubtless consulting his English-Japanese book. Finally he came back with: "Please send more slow, this virgin operator."

A couple of old-timers, within a few hundred miles of each other on a sparkling tropical sea, a few thousand miles from shore will "chew the fat" for hours and a curious lid listening in derive only a sense of awe from the break-neck speed and the baffling abbreviations.

There is a catalogued list of abbreviations unofficially filched from Morse land-line telegraphy that is used, besides many impromptu ones. All U. S. A. calls begin with the letters N, W or K. All N calls are allotted to the Navy, W and K to ships, shore stations or broadcasting stations. Ship calls beginning with K are usually four letter calls, like KDOT, KDSV, etc. In friendly, unofficial communication operators like to drop the first 2 letters. One day down in the South Atlantic KDOS was working unofficially with a friend on KDYA and he was so absorbed in the conversation that he failed to notice his call, when repeated, had become a series of S O S. The breach of international regulations was reported and the Radio Inspector sentenced the offender to three months on the beach by suspending his license for that period.

I advised a friend of mine, an old Irishman who had something he thought he could sell radio operators, to call at the Alpine Hotel on Pine street. This drab looking brick structure is known among "juice jerkers" as the Dog-House because at one time the picture of a bull dog decorated its stationery. He inquired at the desk if there were any radio operators stopping there. "Lord yes!" the clerk said, "the place is full of 'em." But it was only after two futile attempts that he cornered any, they seemed to be permanently drawn away, except to sleep, by the city's abstractions. The clerk said they were probably out dancing. Finally he encountered a conversing half-dozen in the lobby. Whether the old fellow sold them anything or not I don't know but he told me that he came away rather dazed by their line of talk. "Why," he said, "they talked of Yokohama, Cape Town, Buenos Aires and Marseilles like I talk of Sausalito, Alameda, Oakland and San Jose."

To lazily wander into a San Francisco Market street movie on a rainy January day and a few weeks later be doing business with a Singhalese money changer under a sunny Colombo sky, or watching a Punch and Judy show on Liverpool's Lime street between fogs, and the American bar with a statuesque and amiable bar-maid as hostess only a few doors away, is the fascination and tragedy of the sea-going radio man's life.

It is never necessary for him to really face the responsibilities of life. He signs the articles for an off-shore voyage and knows he will be taken care of for from three to eight months, then it is the same thing all over again. Whether such a life in time makes him a confirmed wanderer who can only tolerate

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short periodic returns to the old homestead (if he has any), or whether the natural yearning for a home continues to grow at the expense of his content, depends entirely upon the individual. That the average operator's term at sea is about two years attests not only to the inadequate pay but also to the fact that most of them decide romance needs to find a mooring place in the person of a young lady. At this stage a shore job is necessary in order to stabilize and perpetuate the situation.

The case of Bill Clampett illustrates the incompatibility of worldly ambition and the desire for marriage with real content in a sailor's life. Bill sums up the life of an operator at sea with the words: "There's nothing in it." He had an East Coast South American run last and during the two weeks in port after every three months' trip he would dash desperately about town looking for some sort of a job ashore. A sailing day was a sad one for Bill. Though he often enjoyed the foreign ports he couldn't escape the helpless feeling that he was getting no place in life. It dogged his heels continually and occasionally would even jump up and take him by the throat, and then it was that he would make determined resolves to stop ashore that trip if he had to tidy up the streets for a living.

One trouble with Bill that interfered with such resolves was the fact that he couldn't resist a fitting celebration of arrivals in port after many monotonous days at sea, and such fitting celebration invariably ran into money. As a result he seldom paid off in the home port with enough to keep him out of the Salvation Army's Wood Yard for more than a week. So he had to ship out again.

Finally he sentenced himself to a tanker. A tanker loads a cargo of oil in from six to twenty hours and pumps it out again in from twelve to thirty-six so very little time is permitted for celebrations, though I have heard operators boast that they could get rid of all they made in that time without much trouble. But Bill saved his, and when he came ashore he met a man who let him sell insurance for him. He made good, married, and I believe is happy with his acquirements and ambitions.

An infinitesimal part of the June Sunday crowd at the Beach with his wife, and three-year-old Margaret joyously sampling the edge of the surf with her bare little legs, he can watch a deeply laden freighter slowly emerge from the Golden Gate to unconcernedly face a one, two, or three thousand mile journey to foreign lands and as she is dissolved by the distant meeting of the two blues inwardly rejoice that he is not aboard the "dirty old hooker."

Perhaps only a writer can obtain spiritual dividends from the purely romantic aspect of a sea-faring man's life; certainly it is a rare individual who does. George Harrison, although he wasn't a writer or even a person who could be called romantic, possessed qualities which adjusted him more snugly to the life of a wanderer than any other operator I have ever known. He seemed to lack the usual desires and ambitions which make shore life so attractive to most sailors, yet his was not a negative nature. A need for marriage, safety, worldly possessions and the esteem of his contemporaries never dampened his buoyant personality in the least. He never missed them so it never occurred to him to set out to acquire them. It seemed as though he loved most everything and everybody as things and people happened along. When his ship-mates, with admiration and affection in their tones, referred to him as a fellow who "didn't give a *damn* about anything," they meant that he had no fear of anything, it only seemed as though he cared for nothing because he loved everything. He loved his work, loved to fish, sing, get drunk, talk and tell stories, fight; he loved the long watches at

sea as well as the hilarious nights ashore. He had no especial friends among his ship-mates, they all looked alike to him and all were equally welcome in his cabin where they congregated almost daily. If they woke him up during his watch below without any good and sufficient reason, such as a drink or a scheme for mischief to offer, they always found him cheerful. Crankiness, impatience, melancholy or the pains of desire never interfered with his contented interest in whatever was at hand.

George was a substantially built, slightly stoop-shouldered chap, about thirty years old when I knew him. He wore a suit of clothes as it is said a suit of clothes should be worn, totally unconscious of it, and this would have been splendid had he perspicacity enough to choose a trustworthy tailor, which he hadn't. The result was that he always wore an ill-fitting suit which, aside from its utilitarian purpose, only served by contrast of its awryness to recommend his strapping physique beneath. I remember him striding up and down the deck for exercise. If anyone approached he would greet him with a smile suggesting that the sudden meeting was the delightful prelude to some sort of an interesting adventure just ahead. His natural and unconscious optimism was contagious, that was the secret of his popularity.

A young lady in Iquique, Chile, who was socially and financially interested in shipping, particularly American shipping, took a strong liking to George (nearly all girls did). She had been hanging around while we discharged lumber at that port. She decided that she would like to make his acquisition permanent. So she kept his overcoat and watch as security for a promise to return at midnight of the day as we were scheduled to sail at 8 p. m. The reason George finished wearing out the overcoat and watch is because the sailing date was delayed a day and he was able to return; and more material-minded ship-mates descended in a belligerent body upon the young lady and by devious and ingenious means separated her from her security. But had we left them in the weeping lady's possession George's spirits would have been no more dampened than they were at parting from his amour. His instinct of possession seemed to be completely atrophied and there were girls in the next port who would serve to amuse him just as well.

All natures are not so satisfactorily adjusted to ship or shore as George's and Bill's, however. Many can't get over wanting both. Some of these may be observed reading the shipping news on early morning street cars, sometimes a trifle wistfully when they note that the *West Cahokia* has arrived at Marseilles or the *Eastern Sailor* is 2100 miles out of New York bound for Liverpool; or the *President Grant* left Kobe for Shanghai. Others drift dissatisfied around over the oceans, enjoying the life the best they can when they really desire a home and family and are reluctant to take the punishment attached to setting about to acquire them. The longer they drift the further they get from the state of mind necessary to attack the problem. During occasional forays ashore their determination to work up to affluence from a distasteful (after the easy life at sea) job at a hundred dollars per month is very apt to gradually subside and after a few weeks or months the chief operator of the radio service company is glad to see them again; for the old-timers are usually far the best operators.

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### TIME

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|-----|------------|-------|------|
| POZ | 1155, 2355 | 18050 | CW   |
| FL  | 0928, 2228 | 2600  | CW   |
| LY  | 0800, 2000 | 19800 | CW   |
| NAA | 0300, 1700 | 2655  | ICW  |
| NSS | 0300, 1700 | 17145 | CW   |
| CTV | 0930       | 600   | Spk. |

## "PRESS"

By W. E. CLYNE, S. S. OAKRIDGE

Here's where I unburden myself of much excess steam pressure, induced by listening night after night to what is misnamed "Press," as sent out by ambitious aspirants at the key of various high powered radio stations.—I. E., the unintelligible hash of signals, which constitutes the Press of some stations, notably San Diego, California.

I always was a great booster for San Diego (NPL) until about a year ago, but since then they have steadily deteriorated to what can be termed the prize Bologna of the lot. Their

sole redeeming feature is the promptness of their press schedule, but they are neck and neck as rivals of the famed NAA for rotten sending and more rotten press.

By heavy concentration and by dint of much cussing, one can generally copy the sending of even the worst key clicker, but that's the least part of it. After you have cussed until the surrounding air is blue and all the brasswork tarnished, we look over our 60 minutes effort to discover that what we have been copying is not press at all, but the worst conglomeration of bunk that was ever assembled on one sheet of paper.

For the week previous to this outburst, and due to the almost constant interference of real Press news from real stations; I have been forced against my will to copy the 2 AM Press items from Navy Radio San Diego. During this time, I have absorbed approximately 25 Los Angeles items, 35 San Diego items, and numerous and sundry items from such well known international cities as Paso Robles, Auberry and Redding, California. All of these brain storms telling about some trifling incident which struck the fancy of the addle-

## INTER-COASTAL RUN WEATHER SCHEDULES

By Paul Otto

May 1, 1927

| STATION                     | CALL | WAVE | SYSTEM     | AM.               | 75th Meridian Time  | PM.               | Type of Bulletin                 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Boston                      | NAD  | 1363 | 2939       | CW                | 8:00                | 11:00             | 5:00                             |
| Newport                     | NAF  | 950  | 2650       | CW                | 10:45               | 11:15             | 12:30                            |
| East Moriches               | WSA  | 650  | SPK        | 9:00              |                     |                   | Sandy Hook                       |
| New York                    | WCG  | 600  | SPK        | 8:45              |                     |                   | Sandy Hook                       |
| New York                    | NAH  | 950  | 2776       | CW                | 10:30               | 10:45             | 5:00                             |
| Tuckerton                   | WSC  | 650  | ICW        | 9:00 to 9:30      | 5:00                |                   | Sandy Hook                       |
| Philadelphia                | NAI  | 1304 | 2828       | CW                | 10:45               | 5:00              |                                  |
| Arlington                   | NAA  | 2677 | CW         | 10:30             | 10:00               | 10:30             | N. J., Del., B'kwater Hydro      |
| Norfolk                     | NAM  |      |            |                   |                     |                   | Local                            |
| Charleston                  | NAO  | 2776 | CW         | 10:30             | 6:00                |                   | Local, forecast                  |
| Savannah                    | NEV  | 1428 | SPK        | 11:00             | 6:00                |                   | Local, forecast                  |
| St. Augustine               | NAP  | 2342 | SPK        | 11:15             |                     |                   | Local                            |
| Jupiter                     | NAQ  | 950  | 1304       | SPK               | 8:30                | 11:30             | 6:00                             |
| Key West                    | NAR  | 2939 | 5766       | CW                | 11:30               | Noon              | 10:00                            |
| San Juan                    | NAU  | 2828 | 4836       | CW                |                     |                   | Hydro, SE U. S.                  |
| Guantanamo                  | NAW  | 4543 | CW         |                   | 9:00                |                   | Re-sends NAU                     |
| Navassa Island              | WWEA | 600  | SPK        | Request           |                     |                   | Local                            |
| New Orleans                 | WNU  | 3331 | CW         | 11:30             | 10:00               | 11:30             | Gulf, Carib. Sea                 |
| Brownsville                 | NAY  | 4997 | CW         | Midnite           | Noon                | 7:00              | Hydro, Gulf                      |
| Almirante                   | UB   | 4075 | CW         |                   | 12:30               | 11:45             | Re-sends WNU                     |
| Colon                       | NAX  | 2271 | VAR        | 5:00              | 1:00                |                   | Local                            |
| Balboa                      | NBA  | 6518 | CW         | 2:00              | 10:00               |                   | Local                            |
| Cape Mala                   | NNT  | 600  | SPK or ICW | 5:00              | 10:00               |                   | Local                            |
| Mexico City                 | XDA  | 2800 | CW         | 11:00             | 5:00                |                   | Hydro for Mexico                 |
| San Diego                   | NPL  | 600  | 2988       | CW                | 8:30                | 2:00              | 8:30                             |
| Point Firmin                | NPX  | 800  | ICW        | Request           | May be sent by KSE. |                   | Local                            |
| Pt. Hueneme                 | NMD  | 800  |            | Request           |                     |                   | Local                            |
| Pt. Agruello                | NPK  | 800  | ICW        | 12:00, 4:00, 8:00 | 12:00, 4:00, 8:00   |                   | Local                            |
| San Francisco Lt. V.        | WWBV | 600  | SPK        | 8:00              | Noon                | 8:10              |                                  |
| San Francisco               | KUO  | 690  | FONE       | 8:45              | 10:00               | 12:30, 2, 4, 6:30 | Pt. Reyes, Lobos, S. F.          |
| Mare Island                 | NPG  | 7006 | CW         | 9:00              | 7:30                |                   | Hydro                            |
| Bolinas                     | KPH  | 675  | 2200       | CW                | 9:00                | 9:10              | 8:10                             |
| Blunts Reef                 | WWBU | 600  | SPK        | 8:00              | Noon                | 8:10              | Re-sends NPG, part Local, Lt. V. |
| Eureka                      | NPW  | 2875 | CW         | 8:00              | Noon                | 8:00              | Local, forecast                  |
| Marshfield                  | KGN  | 600  | ICW        | 8:00              | 12:00, 4:00, 8:00   |                   | Local                            |
| Col. River Lt. V.           | WWBQ | 600  | SPK        | 8:00              | Noon                | 8:10              |                                  |
| North Head                  | NPE  | 2700 | CW         | 5:30              | 9:00                | 1:30, 5:30, 8:30  | Local, N. W. States              |
| Tatoosh                     | NPD  | 800  | SPK        | 5:00              | 9:00                | 1:00, 5:00, 8:00  | Local, Sd., Straits              |
| Swiftsure Bank              | WWBO | 600  | SPK        | 8:00              | Noon                | 8:10              | Local, Lt. V.                    |
| Seattle                     | NPC  | 2499 | CW         | 5:00              | 9:00                | 1:00, 5:00, 8:00  | Local, Sd., Straits              |
| Estevan                     | VAE  | 675  | SPK        |                   |                     | 10:00             | Brt. Columbia                    |
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brained composer of the said Press, and which was of absolutely no interest outside of the cities named.

I was never one to ridicule the sunshine state, but if things keep up as they have been doing in this particular line, I will be ordering my oranges from Florida hereafter.

At the present time there is a great civil war going on in China and of interest to every nationality on the face of the earth, with many hundreds of American Marines there to protect American lives and property. Well, as we in particular are bound for the center of unrest, otherwise known as Shanghai, and about 75% of vessels on the Trans-Pacific run will call in at Shanghai on their voyage, we think it might be of some interest to Mariners on the Pacific to hear news of the latest developments in China.

Every station sending Press today finds it of sufficient importance to include an item or two about this situation, but do you think San Diego does? They certainly won't while there is an international news item from Auberry telling the tale of a cow which had two calves in three months!!!

What does anyone outside of San Diego care about how much money the Public Works Department will allow next year for keeping the rain from washing away the city streets?

If this particular type of news is supposed to interest "All U. S. Navel vessels and stations" then we change our good opinion of the navy personnel.

I have been told many times by foreign wireless operators (yes, there are foreign ships sailing the Pacific), that our press was of no value to them, because of its local character, as they were not especially interested in what happened in New York, Chicago and Washington, unless it was of some international importance.

Heretofore it has been broad enough in its scope to interest Americans, but believe me, it's sure getting some localized when the most distant source of news is within 200 miles of the transmitting station. It is a distinct benefit to the sea-going Americans of the present age, that the one and only press broadcasting station is not located in Paradise, Montana or some other such city. When the crops were in and all roads blocked with 10 ft. of snow, and everyone had hibernated for the winter, what would the station do for press news? Guess they would have to hibernate also.

If any station now broadcasting press items does not know just what constitutes news, please sit in on the United Fruit Station at New Orleans twice a day at 8:30 a. m. and p. m. Pacific standard time, and listen to real honest to gosh press. The sending is always fast, but never is used as a practice hour for United Fruit Company operators,—they don't need it. This fast sending can be copied just as far as the signal can be heard, and I find that to be 3,000 miles west of the Oregon coast.

The press from KPH, San Francisco, can be copied on an average ship's receiver at a distance of 4,000 miles without trouble, but more and more spark interference from Russian and Japanese stations to the north and from Apia to the south, has just about made it an impossibility to copy this press anywhere over 2500 miles.

It sure would be a distinct benefit to humanity in general and wireless operators in particular, if the Radio Corporation of America would utilize the testing periods at Bolinas, and give us some press on 29 meters from KEL. Considerable time is put in at this station in testing high frequency transmission, and press could be sent very well on their test schedule.

Station KEL booms in all over the Orient, and sometimes just about knocks one's ears off. Such a service would sure be appreciated

as there are few ships now that haven't had their little short wave experimenting.

After copying considerable press from several English stations, and all stations in North and Central America for several years, I have come to the conclusion that the best press put out at the present time, is from New Orleans (WNU). But, according to law, we are forbidden to copy this excellent stuff.

The crews of merchant ships today are not illiterate as many Americans think, and they all appreciate having the largest baseball scores, fight returns and events of great interest to everyone. When there is an earthquake in Sweden; that makes news for many people and we all don't have to be Swedes to be interested in it.

Most of the operators going to sea today are well past their code practice days so no one finds it necessary to struggle through static and interference for hours just to listen in on an operator pushing kilowatts into the surrounding ether for code practice.

If naval operators at 300 KW shore stations must practice the code, then let them lock themselves in a sound-proof booth with a key and buzzer instead of inflicting their fists on a poor guy out at sea. We hate to slam anyone doing us a service, but at least the service ought to be half-way decent. My criticism is not aimed at any individual in the navy or at commercial stations, but rather at all stations that read this and say: "This means me."

There are some very good operators in the navy, but the majority of them do not care about sending press, so put on the beginner for that ungrateful job. If the experienced operator with the good fist will not condone to send the press, then put the old machine on for awhile.

This article has almost turned into a direct slam against San Diego, but at the present time, they are the worst offender in the manner mentioned herein.

Going to sea for living is no bed of roses in spite of alluring pictures of life at sea, and any little courtesy that could be extended to us from shore folks, and any other little consideration shown us, is always appreciated on any ship that I ever was a member of its crew.

And that's that.

#### LOCAL RADIO LEGISLATION

Local radio legislation, in the opinion of Frank D. Scott as expressed to the Federated Radio Trade Association, will be largely based upon the police power of the state or municipality, which is not particularly limited by state or national constitutions. There has been some such legislation to lessen interference, to determine station location and power, to regulate remote control, to license and to tax. He knows of no instance where the courts have passed final judgment on such laws.

The authority of states and municipalities to control interference caused by forces other than another radio station, especially when the interference can be removed by corrective measures, is seldom questioned. When the Radio Act of 1927 is sustained there will be no necessity for local legislation to prevent interference between stations. But local laws can perform a useful public service in preventing interference from other local forces. Most municipalities have the power to determine the location of an industry, including a radio station.

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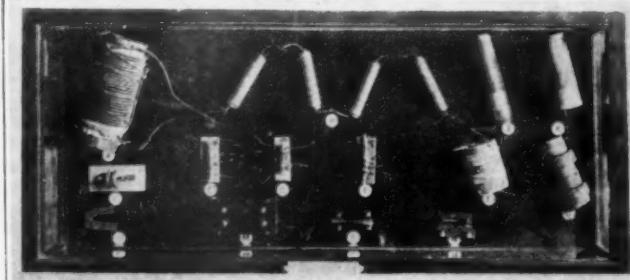
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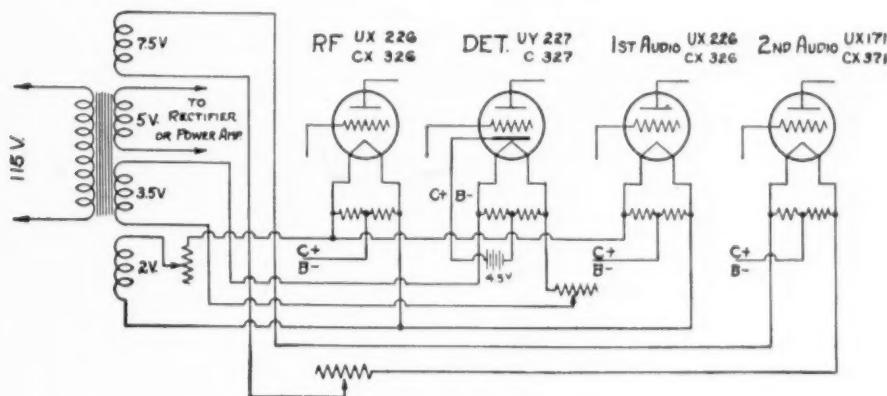
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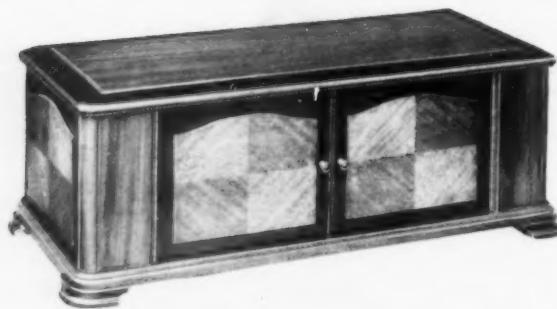
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